

**Marion Charter School  
Board Minutes  
Tuesday, April 12, 2021  
6:00 p.m.**

**Members present:** Michelle Axson, Lori Soucey, Daniel Miller, Barbara Holland, and Sonja Williams (by phone)

**Public Present:** Lesa Belwood, Jim Egert, Elizabeth Dillingham

**Michelle Axson called the Board Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.**

**Michelle welcomed the public visitors to the meeting and told them that she was glad that they were able to attend. The Board Members reviewed the minutes from the January 12, 2021 board meeting, and with no changes needing to be made to the minutes, a motion to accept the minutes was made by Lori Soucey with the second motion being made by Sonya Williams.**

**Next, Michelle mentioned that there were currently no updates to the last Board Approved budget or to the last Board Approved staffing plan. Michelle did mention that she did have a teacher out on maternity leave and that her aide was subbing in her classroom until her return at the end of the school year.**

**Michelle then updated the Board Members in regards to the SIP/PFEP (School Improvement/Parent Family Engagement Plan). She mentioned that she will begin working on next year's plans and will update it, if necessary, once the FSA scores come out during the summer.**

**Next, Michelle presented Marion Charter's Parent/Teacher/Student Contract for the upcoming 2021-2022 school year. This contract was updated last year with the Board Member's recommendations, and explains in detail, the Teacher's, Parent's and Student's Rights and Responsibilities. A motion to accept the 2021-2022 MCS Parent/Teacher/Student Contract was made by Daniel Miller, with the second motion being made by Lori Soucey.**

**Next, Michelle presented the 2021-2022 Title I Compact. This compact informs the parents about Title I and all of the wonderful benefits associated with being a Title I school. The compact is reviewed with the students and it allows the students to set individual academic and personal goals. The teacher and student sign the compact, and it is shared with the parents as well. Lori Soucey made a motion to accept the 2021-2022 Title I Compact, with the second motion being made by Sonya Williams.**

**Michelle then updated the Board Members in regards to the status of the different grants that Marion Charter has received during Covid. They were as follows:**

- The CSP Technology Grant in the amount of \$79, 962.00 has been spent and reimbursed on a class set of Chromebooks for each class, as well as a charging/lock cart for each classroom.**
- The Safe School Grant I, in the amount of \$15,590.11, was spent to enhance the safety of the school by purchasing additional exterior and interior cameras for both buildings, as well as motion sensors for all rooms. Michelle said that she has submitted the invoices and is awaiting reimbursement.**
- The Safe School Grant II, in the amount of \$20,000.00, will be spent next year to purchase standing metal detectors for the 4 main exterior doors, 3M security film**

for all doors and windows, as well as updated exterior LED lights and additional cameras. Once those items are purchased, then she will submit the invoices so that the school can be reimbursed.

- The ESSER Grant I (CARES ACT Grant) for \$47,888.68, was spent and the invoices have been submitted and are awaiting reimbursement. Michelle mentioned that the money was spent on items such as facemasks and shields, thermometers, new water fountains with the water bottle filling station attachments, touchless hand sanitizing stations for out front, wall mounted touchless hand sanitizers for each classroom, as well as touchless faucets for all of the bathrooms. She also mentioned that some of the money was spent on cleaning and sanitizing items, as well as, technology items for the classrooms.
- The ESSER Grant II in the amount of \$278,597.00, will spent during the 2021-2022 school year on updated curriculum, classroom manipulatives, SMART boards for the classrooms, technology software/licenses for school wide programs, summer school materials, after school tutoring and learning camps, as well as custodial cleaning and sanitizing items. Michelle said that the money would also be spent on any additional items that may be needed for the school. Once the money is spent next year, she will submit the invoices and will await reimbursement.

Next, Michelle mentioned some events that have taken place since the last meeting in January. They included:

- The Kids Heart Challenge (Jump Rope for Heart) Kick Off was on January 22<sup>nd</sup>. This kick off was held virtually and the actual Jump Rope Showcase was held on February 12<sup>th</sup>. Due to COVID restrictions this year, the Showcase was held during each class's PE time. The students really had a fun time jump roping and hula hooping for a wonderful cause.
- Marion Charter School held their annual Tornado Drill on February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Michelle said that the students did a wonderful job getting into their safety positions quickly and quietly.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade students took their FSA ELA (Reading) tests on April 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. Michelle mentioned that the students seemed like they did a wonderful job working hard. She mentioned that due to extended testing timelines, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade ELA scores would not be in until the end of June.
- 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade students completed the FSA Writing test on April 13<sup>th</sup>. Michelle said that students worked hard and that she was proud of them. Michelle mentioned that the scores for the remainders of the state tests would not be released until the end of July.

Michelle then updated the Board on current and upcoming events here at school. They are:

- 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade will be taking their FSA ELA (Reading) tests on May 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>.
- 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade will be taking the FSA Math tests on May 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>.
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade will be taking their NGSS Science test on May 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Kindergarten Graduation will be held on May 24<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation will be held on May 25<sup>th</sup>. Both Graduations will be held at 6:00 p.m.. Due to COVID restrictions, each graduating child will be given 2 tickets. Families and students will be social distanced and the event will be held outside here at the school.
- May 26<sup>th</sup> is the LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!
- May 27<sup>th</sup> is the LAST DAY FOR TEACHERS!

Michelle took a moment and told the Board that she has been so pleased with all of her staff members and how even though this year has been hectic and difficult, all of the staff members came together to make this year successful. She mentioned that all of her teachers taught both face to face AND online this year and should be commended for all the blood, sweat, and tears that they have put into this year. She mentioned that if the

**budget allows for next year, she would love to give them a 2% raise as a “thank you” for all of their hard work.**

**Finally, Michelle mentioned that the next Board Meeting would be held on Tuesday, June 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.. Michelle mentioned that at this meeting, she would be presenting the Draft budget for the 2021-2022 school year, as well as the 2021-2022 Draft Staffing Plan so that it can be voted into effect. She will also be updating the Board with any available FSA test scores or data, and will also updated them on any changes or events that have occurred since this meeting.**

**The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 15, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.**

**The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.**