

**Marion Charter School
Board Minutes
Tuesday, October 12, 2021
6:10 p.m.**

Members present: Michelle Axson, Lori Soucey, Dan Miller, and Sandy Wagner (Secretary)

Public Present: Vicki Bosworth

Michelle Axson called the Board meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. Michelle mentioned that Sonya and Barb were unable to attend tonight's meeting, but that she would update them on what will be discussed at tonight's meeting tomorrow.

Michelle asked for any comments from the public, but none were given.

The minutes from the June 15, 2021, Board meeting were reviewed with a motion to accept the minutes being made by Lori Soucey, and the second motion being made by Dan Miller.

Next, Michelle presented Revision #1 for the 2021-2022 Board Approved Budget. Michelle told the Board that the first change to the budget was that there was a slight decrease to line item #15, which is the Capital Outlay Budget, from \$143,170.00 down to \$142,964.00. Then, Michelle mentioned that she added line item #24 (Teacher Salary Allocation for House Bill 641) in the amount of \$39,875.00. This amount is given by the State to maintain the teacher raises that were implemented last year because of House Bill 641, and will also allow a very small increase for the teachers this year. Next, Michelle mentioned that line item #25 had this year's Lead Teacher money added to the budget. Michelle then continued to talk about the changes to line items #28-34 and line items #48-53. These changes were due to the changes in teacher salaries due to House Bill 641, which increased their salaries slightly, but also affected their Retirement, FICA/MED, Worker's Comp, and SUTA rates. After Michelle reviewed the changes to the Budget, there was a motion to accept the 2021-2022 Budget Revision #1 being made by Lori Soucey, with the second motion being made by Dan Miller.

Michelle then handed out all of the updated information for the Board Members to add to their binders, which included the 2021-2022 Staff Calendar, Staff Handbook, Job Description book and the Student Handbook.

Next, Michelle mentioned to the Board that the 2020-2021 Audit went well and that there were no findings. Michelle reminded them that a copy of the audit went to each Board member for review. Michelle said that she was very pleased to be working with Tim Price & Associates again this year.

Then, Michelle presented the FSA testing results with everyone. Michelle told the Board that for the ELA FSA, the percentage of students scoring Levels 3-5 were:

GRADE LEVEL	Marion Charter School	Marion County	State of Florida
3rd Grade	69%	44%	54%
4th Grade	45%	42%	52%
5th Grade	53%	47%	54%

Next, Michelle shared the MATH FSA scores:

GRADE LEVEL	Marion Charter School	Marion County	State of Florida
3rd Grade	69%	45%	51%
4th Grade	48%	48%	53%
5th Grade	43%	49%	51%

Then, Michelle shared the 5th Grade Science NGSSS scores:

GRADE LEVEL	Marion Charter School	Marion County	State of Florida
5th Grade	23%	40%	47%

Michelle said that the school is focusing on increasing their ELA and Math scores in 4th and 5th grade, and also 5th Grade Science scores. Michelle did mention that she believes that the reason that the 5th grade scores were lower than Marion County and the State is that there was a new teacher, who was also new to 5th grade. She also mentioned that the teachers and staff attended several trainings regarding the new ELA curriculum, as well as, how to incorporate more STEAM activities on a weekly basis.

Then Michelle informed the Board that the SIP and PFEP were both approved and they are currently SIP (school improvement plan) and PFEP (parent/family engagement plan) is being translated into Spanish for our parents then that will be ready for all parents.

Michelle talked about some events that have taken place since the last Board meeting:

- 20-21 Summer School – Michelle said that Summer School went very well and the kids really seemed to enjoy attending. She also mentioned that she was very pleased with the staff members who taught our students this summer.
- Kindergarten and 5th Grade Graduation went off without any issues even though there were only 2 tickets per students.

Finally, Michelle talked about current events that were happening here at school:

- Michelle said that we are still waiting on our Reading curriculum to arrive and that it was ordered back in June.
- We had our first Scholastic Book Fair of the year and it was a huge success!
- We are currently having our annual Krispy Kreme Doughnut sale going on now. Orders and money are due on Monday, Oct. 25th and they will be delivered on Thursday, Oct. 28th.
- Report card Conferences started October 13, 2021 and are currently still being held.
- Red Ribbon week will be October 25-29, 2021 and that the theme this year is “Drug Free Looks Like Me!”. Classes will be encouraged to decorate their doors again this year to encourage participation in Red Ribbon Week!

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 11, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:56 p.m.