

SCHOOL BOARD PROCEEDINGS
December 14, 2015

Pursuant to the call and the notice thereof, the School Board of the Marion School District 60-3, Marion, Turner County, SD met in regular session on the fourteenth day of December, 2015. Call to order was made by President of the School Board, Josh Luke, at 7:00 pm.

Members Present: Dan Buse, Daryl Gortmaker, Josh Luke, Jared Schmidt and Scott Tieszen

Absent: None

Officers Present: E. David Colberg, Superintendent; Michelle Larson, Principal; and Aaron Thompson, Business Manager

Absent: None

Guests Present: Ed Kreider, Trish Kreider, Denise Arbach, Mike Wieman, Shelly Wieman, Sarah Decker, Will Massey, Anne Pankratz, Becky Luke, Marc Pankratz, Jennifer Pankratz, Heather Hofer, and Michelle Fink

Action 15/16-48: Agenda – On motion by Buse, second by Schmidt to approve the agenda. All members voted in favor; motion carried.

Action 15/16-49: Minutes – On motion by Buse, second by Schmidt to approve the previous month's minutes and to acknowledge receipt of the Cornbelt Educational Coop minutes. All members voted in favor; motion carried.

Action 15/16-50: Financial Reports – On motion by Buse, second by Schmidt to approve the financial reports of the District as shown in Table 1 (to be published in paper). All members voted in favor; motion carried.

Action 15/16-51: Bills for Consideration – On motion by Buse, second by Schmidt to approve the following claims against the District for the month of December, and then to approve checks to be issued in their payment. All members voted in favor; motion carried. (Bills to be published in paper)

There were no Delegations.

Anne Pankratz gave the Teacher Report. She informed the Board on the Career Readiness Test taken by 11 of the Marion Seniors, and they scored very well, with one student receiving a "Platinum" rating. She also wanted to thank the Board and Administration for the Christmas party meals and gift, on behalf of all the teachers.

Josh Luke informed the Board that he received a call from Freeman School Board member Corey Schrag, asking about Marion's interest in further coop talks with Freeman if nothing happens between Marion and Parker.

Aaron Thompson gave the Business Manager report. He gave information on the 2014/2015 financial audit, Blue Ribbon Task Force funding, and future upgrades to telephone & security systems.

Michelle Larson gave the Principal report. She informed the Board on the spelling bee for grades 5-8, semester exams and "early outs" on December 21 & 22, Instructional Leadership training, dual credit classes, and AdvancED. Mrs. Larson also wanted to congratulate Michele Schoenwald on her first place award for her piece at the recent Mt. Marty Oral Interpretation contest.

David Colberg gave the Superintendent report. He shared information on teacher pay & Blue Ribbon Task Force funding, Marion's public access channel through Golden West, looking at new microphones for audio improvements, security/ safety plans, and an Active Shooter presentation scheduled for January.

Board member Daryl Gortmaker entered the meeting at 7:31 pm.

The Board discussed recent coop committee talks with Parker. Discussion included possible financial advantages of a consolidation, staffing needs, class sizes, facility comparisons, sports coop possibilities, and negotiable as well as

non-negotiable items from each district. The Board will meet again with Parker to discuss our requests for sharing between the schools.

The Board discussed the possibility of a four-day school week at Marion. Discussion items included the following: the ability to share teachers with Parker, Friday tutoring & make-up work, fewer total hours of classroom instruction, attendance and staff leave. Administrators were directed to look at scheduling for a four-day week, as well as teacher input on lesson plans and Friday schedules.

The Board allowed the public to give comments and questions concerning coop talks & other sharing, and a four-day school week. Questions/ comments included: longer days for a four-day week, looking at other coop opportunities if it doesn't work with Parker, keeping our demand list short for Parker, class size in lower grades, coop timelines, and music classes with a four-day week.

Action 15/16-52: Surplus Property – On motion by Buse, second by Schmidt to declare various Ag Shop equipment, library books and library equipment as surplus property, to be disposed of as the Administration sees fit. A list of the surplus property will be kept on file in the Business Office. All members voted in favor; motion carried.

Action 15/16-53: Approve Policy IHCDA – On motion by Buse, second by Schmidt to approve Policy IHCDA (Concurrent/ Dual Enrollment) as presented to the Board. A copy of the policy can be found on the Marion School website or in the Business Office. All members voted in favor; motion carried.

Action 15/16-54: Recertify Special Education Comprehensive Plan – On motion by Schmidt, second by Gortmaker to recertify the Special Education Comprehensive Plan (with the Cornbelt Educational Cooperative). A copy of the plan will be kept in the Business Office or online. All members voted in favor; motion carried.

Board President Josh Luke called a recess at 8:56 pm, and declared back in session at 9:01 pm.

Action 15/16-55: Personnel Matters – On motion by Buse, second by Gortmaker to go into executive session for the purpose of Personnel Matters (Superintendent Evaluation) at 9:02 pm, as per SDCL 1-25-2 (1). All members voted in favor; motion carried.

President of the School Board, Josh Luke, declared out of executive session at 10:19 pm.

Action 15/16-56: Adjourn – On motion by Gortmaker, second by Schmidt to adjourn the school board meeting at 10:19 pm. All members voted in favor; motion carried.

Josh Luke,
School Board President

Aaron Thompson,
Business Manager