

**SCHOOL BOARD PROCEEDINGS**  
**February 16, 2016**

**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 sixteenth day of February, 2016. Call to order was made by President of the School Board, Josh Luke, at 7:03 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:** 100+ guests present in the large gymnasium

**Action 15/16-66: Agenda** – On motion by Buse, second by Schmidt to approve the agenda. All members voted in favor; motion carried.

**Action 15/16-67: Minutes** – On motion by Tieszen, second by Gortmaker 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 15/16-68: 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 15/16-69: Bills for Consideration** – On motion by Gortmaker, second by Buse to approve the following claims against the District for the month of February, and then to approve checks to be issued in their payment. All members voted in favor; motion carried. (Bills to be published in paper)

Michelle Fink gave the Teacher Report. She gave information on an author brought in to speak with middle school and elementary students at the school.

There were no School Board reports.

Aaron Thompson gave the Business Manager report. He gave a presentation, detailing school funding for the Marion School.

Michelle Larson gave the Principal report. She informed the Board on AdvancED, student & staff surveys, teacher walk-throughs & evaluations, and class offerings for next year.

David Colberg gave the Superintendent report. He shared information on consolidation talks, Marion's financial & enrollment info, and Parker's proposal for consolidation. Mr. Colberg also recognized Feb. 15-19 as SD School Board Appreciation Week, and thanked the Board.

The Board shared information on coop and consolidation discussions with Parker. Each Board member shared opinions on how to move forward from here.

Josh Luke called a recess at 8:09 pm. The Board went back in session at 8:14 pm.

Superintendent David Colberg led a four-day school week discussion. He explained what the schedule could look like, and what could be offered on Fridays if Marion chooses to go to a four-day school week. A proposed calendar will be brought to the Board next month.

The Board allowed the public to give comments and questions. Discussion included the following: not enough opportunity for youth sports, tutoring on Fridays can help with a four-day school week, sports coop should come before consolidation, explore other schools, what to do with Parker's proposal, consolidation advantages, both

Boards need to meet together, do what is best for Marion's kids, more need for parental support, don't rush a consolidation, community must vote on a consolidation, consider bringing in a moderator, etc.

Josh Luke called a recess at 9:19 pm. The Board went back in session at 9:31 pm.

**Action 15/16-70: Reschedule Snow Days** – On motion by Buse, second by Tieszen to table Rescheduling Snow Days until a later meeting. All members voted in favor; motion carried.

**Action 15/16-71: HVAC / Boiler Bid** – On motion by Buse, second by Gortmaker to seek bids to replace the school's steam boiler. All members voted in favor; motion carried.

There was a discussion on the use of the practice football field. No motions were made.

The Board discussed the possibility of paying elementary coaches. The Board publicly thanked Scott Dent, Heidi Johnson, and Shawn Hofer for coaching Elementary Basketball.

**Action 15/16-72: Approve Contract** – On motion by Schmidt, second by Tieszen to approve the Paraprofessional contract of Amanda Dent for \$10.75 per hour, for the remainder of the current school year. All members voted in favor; motion carried.

**Action 15/16-73: Personnel Matters** – On motion by Gortmaker, second by Buse to go into executive session for the purpose of Personnel Matters at 10:08 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 10:22 pm.

**Action 15/16-74: Adjourn** – On motion by Tieszen, second by Schmidt to adjourn the school board meeting at 10:24 pm. All members voted in favor; motion carried.

Josh Luke,  
School Board President

Aaron Thompson,  
Business Manager