

**SCHOOL BOARD PROCEEDINGS**  
**January 25, 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 twenty-fifth day of January, 2016. Call to order was made by President of the School Board, Josh Luke, at 7:01 pm.**

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

**Absent:** None

**Officers Present:** E. David Colberg, Superintendent; and Aaron Thompson, Business Manager

**Absent:** Michelle Larson, Principal

**Guests Present:** Approximately 50 public guests were present

**Action 15/16-64: Agenda** – On motion by Buse, second by Schmidt to amend the agenda as follows: add 4 – Delegations, move the rest of the items down; and then to approve the agenda. All members voted in favor; motion carried.

Josh Luke shared information on sports coop discussions with Parker, also noting that consolidation was discussed in these meetings. The Administrations and Board committees from each district also discussed financial outlook and enrollments in Marion and Parker. The Board wants to know the public's opinion on consolidation or other sharing with Parker.

The Board allowed the public to give comments and questions. Questions/ comments included the following: enrollment, more educational opportunities, consider a coop with Freeman, teachers would lose jobs with a consolidation, concerns with giving up too much to Parker, more stability with Parker, put together a list of requirements, make sure we have a coop next year, and concerns with losing programs.

The Marion Board of Education will give Parker the following list of sharing requirements: Marion School Board is ready to move forward considering consolidation; grades 6-8 would stay in Marion; coop to start in Fall 2016 with all sports except football; play as Parker-Marion Pheasants until a consolidation takes place, then there must be a mascot change. Marion School Board will give Parker until January 31, 2016 to give their response.

**Action 15/16-65: Adjourn** – On motion by Buse, second by Gortmaker to adjourn the school board meeting at 8:24 pm. All members voted in favor; motion carried.

Josh Luke,  
School Board President

Aaron Thompson,  
Business Manager