

SCHOOL BOARD PROCEEDINGS
March 14, 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 fourteenth day of March, 2016. 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

Action 15/16-79: Agenda – On motion by Buse, second by Gortmaker to amend the agenda as follows: 13 – Four Day School Week Discussion, 14 – 2016/2017 School Calendar; and then to approve the agenda. All members voted in favor; motion carried.

Action 15/16-80: Minutes – On motion by Buse, second by Tieszen 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 15/16-81: Financial Reports – On motion by Gortmaker, 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 15/16-82: Bills for Consideration – On motion by Buse, second by Gortmaker to approve the following claims against the District for the month of March, and then to approve checks to be issued in their payment. All members voted in favor; motion carried. (Bills to be published in paper)

Scott Dent shared concerns about the possibility of families leaving the Marion School. Heather Hofer informed the Board on the Math Counts competition, and would like to see the program continue for Marion students. Vicki Schardin voiced that she feels there is sufficient discipline in the middle school and high school.

Sharlene Orcutt shared information on Read across America Week and a field trip for 2nd and 3rd grade. Sarah Decker wanted to thank the community and staff for their support with the Music Department's talent show. She also informed the Board about the Elementary Band Festival in Alcester.

Dan Buse informed the Board about the AdvancEd stakeholders' meeting. Scott Tieszen suggested that Marion should offer additional courses to motivate the students and attract students from surrounding schools. Jared Schmidt asked if Parker School District had responded to Marion's counter-proposal.

Business Manager Aaron Thompson shared information on school funding updates, safety equipment & building projects, and budgeting changes for next year.

K-12 Principal Michelle Larson informed the Board on courses for next year, teacher observations, Growth Mindset curriculum results, equipment requests for the Music Department, reading incentives, field trips, standardized testing and Quiz Bowl.

Superintendent David Colberg shared information on youth sports camps/ programs, FFA week, Read across America Week, Track participation, equipment purchases, professional development, and AdvancEd accreditation. He also wanted to recognize Mrs. Larson and Mrs. Pankratz for their work with accreditation, and Kylea Waltner for a Teacher of the Year nomination.

Action 15/16-83: Dissolution of Boys Basketball Co-op – On motion by Buse, second by Tieszen to apply for dissolution of the Boys Basketball cooperative with Freeman High School beginning with the 2016-2017 school year. All members voted in favor; motion carried.

Resolution 15/16-84: Resolution of Sports Co-op – Be it resolved by the Marion School Board of Education, that on motion by Tieszen, second by Buse to approve the SDHSAA Application for Cooperative Sponsorship of Activities with Freeman Academy High School in the activities of Boys & Girls Cross Country, Volleyball, Boys & Girls Basketball, Boys & Girls Track & Field, and Boys & Girls Golf beginning with the 2016-2017 school year. All members voted in favor; motion carried.

Resolution 15/16-85: Resolution of Soccer Co-op – Be it resolved by the Marion School Board of Education, that on motion by Buse, second by Tieszen to approve the SDHSAA Application for Cooperative Sponsorship of Activities with Freeman Academy High School and Freeman High School for the activity of Boys Soccer beginning with the 2016-2017 school year. All members voted in favor; motion carried.

The School Board discussed a four-day school week for Marion School District. Discussion included calendar possibilities, start and end time of school day, total classroom hours, teacher contract days, tutoring, and pros & cons brought up by the staff and public. The Board would like to see a sample class schedule next month.

Action 15/16-86: 2016-2017 School Calendar – On motion by Schmidt, second by Gortmaker to table 2016-2017 School Calendar until a later meeting. All members voted in favor; motion carried.

Action 15/16-87: Reschedule Snow Days – On motion by Buse, second by Tieszen to add May 17 & 18, 2016 as Teacher work days to the 2015-2016 Marion School Calendar. All members voted in favor; motion carried.

Action 15/16-88: Boiler Project Bids – On motion by Buse, second by Schmidt to accept the steam boiler replacement bid from Midwest Boiler Repair, Inc. in the amount of \$100,950.00. All members voted in favor; motion carried. Bid was also received from Mitchell Plumbing & Heating Co. in the amount of \$129,200.00.

The Board discussed options for the current practice football field, and what to do with our stadium equipment purchased last year.

The Administration was approached with a request for some old Marion Bears uniforms. The Board suggested putting together a list of uniforms to declare as surplus property, and advertise so that other community members can have a chance to purchase the uniforms.

Action 15/16-89: Recess – On motion by Gortmaker, second by Tieszen to call a recess of the board meeting at 9:51 pm. All members voted in favor; motion carried.

President of the School Board, Josh Luke, declared the meeting back in session at 9:58 pm.

Action 15/16-90: Negotiations – On motion by Buse, second by Gortmaker to go into executive session for the purpose of Negotiations at 9:59 pm, as per SDCL 1-25-2 (4). All members voted in favor; motion carried.

President of the School Board, Josh Luke, declared out of executive session at 10:28 pm.

Action 15/16-91: Adjourn – On motion by Tieszen, second by Buse to adjourn the school board meeting at 10:28 pm. All members voted in favor; motion carried.

Josh Luke,
School Board President

Aaron Thompson,
Business Manager