

Regular Meeting
May 14, 2024

The meeting was called to order by President Leah Cooper at 6:00 pm.

Members in attendance were Jason Bonner, Leah Cooper, Tolesia Davis, Michael Williams, Kirstin Johnson, and Joey Romano. Rusty Mauldin was absent.

District personnel present were Michael Walker, Clint Coyne, Mike Wood, Lynn Phillips, Jay Patrick, Tim Phy, Lauren Anderson, Jenifer Carnley, Yvonne Ramirez, Luther Sims, Brenda Wright, Kokesha Burns, Suzanne Cevik, Karen Collins, Ann Fugler, Kerry Jeffley, Leslie McPhail, Katherine Bellini, Bettie Duffie, Lois Harris, Carol Hicks, and Rebecca Pearl. Others present included Ann Lummus, Vickie Smith, Margaret Niblett, Keith Burns, JC Burns, Linda Chambers, Tonette Holland, Nicholas Osborn, Leea Longino, Shane Shaddix, Amy Shaddix, Patti Wallace, Azure West, Terry Johnson, and several other community members supporting retirees.

Mr. Williams gave the invocation.

Ms. Cooper led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

As a part of the reorganization of the Board Officers, Mr. Williams made a motion to allow for Ms. Davis to serve as Board President, Mr. Bonner to continue to serve as Vice President and Ms. Cooper to serve as secretary. Motion was duly seconded by Mr. Romano. Motion carried, 6-0. At this point, Ms. Davis led the meeting.

No one was present to speak during the Public Comment agenda item.

Campus and administrative reports were given at this time. Mr. Walker recognized retirees Karen Collins, Luther Sims, Ann Fugler, Suzanne Cevik, and Kerry Jeffley. Employee candidates Leea Longino, Amy Shaddix, and Linda Chambers were introduced by Dr. Tim Phy. Dr. Phillips introduced new candidate Mitzy Neeley. Mr. Coyne gave a facilities update including projects underway as well as an update on the digital sign that was struck by lightning. He also listed summer projects that he and maintenance director Jack Smith have discussed. Summer projects include painting the JES gym, deep cleaning the Multipurpose Gym as well as a couple campus libraries, painting the JHS parking lot, fencing and playground equipment at the junior high, repainting the transportation and technology buildings, updating bathrooms with stainless steel vanities, sinks, and kick plate, and other routine projects. Ms. Wallace gave an update on tax sales stating there will be one in June, a big one in October, and a bigger one in December. She is optimistic about the sales. Nurse Jenifer Carnley gave the end of year SHAC report which included explanations on a local policy update and updates in the District Wellness Plan. This concluded the reports agenda item.

Motion made by Ms. Cooper, seconded by Mr. Williams to approve the changes to policy FFA(LOCAL) as recommended by Nurse Carnley. Motion carried 6-0.

Ms. Johnson made a motion to approve the updated District Wellness Plan. Mr. Romano seconded the motion, motion carried 6-0.

Dr. Phillips explained the need of a contract with Region VIII related to the LASO Strong Foundations grant. A portion of this grant must be spent on a provider to assist with implementation of Eureka Math K-5. Ms. Cooper made a motion to approve the contract with Region VIII. Duly seconded by Mr. Romano, motion carried 6-0.

Dr. Phillips explained two amendments to the District of Innovation Plan. The first amendment was in regard to certifications for teachers (TEC 21.003(a)). The second amendment was in regards to TEC 37.006 which references student removal for certain conduct including DAEP for e-cigarettes and other vape devices. Mr. Bonner made a motion to approve the amendments. Motion was duly seconded by Mr. Williams, motion carried 6-0.

Ann Lummus spoke on the Marion Central Appraisal District Budget increases. Overall the budget is increasing by 10%. These increases are due to contract increases, salaries, travel expenses for training, and other operational costs. Ms. Lummus proposed a budget range and requested the board approve the higher end of the budget at \$680,596.00. She said any money leftover would be returned to the entities at the percentage they paid in. Ms. Cooper made a motion, seconded by Mr. Williams to approve the Marion Central Appraisal District Budget of \$680,596.00. Motion carried 6-0.

Following an explanation from Mr. Wood concerning the bid process and analysis, Mr. Williams made a motion to approve the gas/diesel bid from Jackson Oil. Motion was duly seconded by Ms. Johnson. Motion carried, 6-0.

The district received 3 bids for Student Insurance. Mr. Wood explained the difficulty in comparing the plans. Monarch Management came in with the lowest bid, however, this action item was tabled until more information could be gathered for comparison of the bids.

Mr. Bonner made a motion to approve a budget amendment related to the Teacher Incentive Allotment. Motion was duly seconded by Mr. Williams. Motion carried 6-0.

Ms. Cooper made a motion to approve the Consent agenda, which included previous minutes and other budget amendments, which were explained by Mike Wood. Motion was duly seconded by Mr. Romano. Motion carried, 6-0.

The board entered into executive session at 7:01pm.

The board reconvened into open session at 7:59pm.

Mr. Walker recommended the board approve the personnel needs as presented. Mr. Romano made a motion to approve the personnel needs as presented. Mr. Bonner seconded the motion. Motion carried, 6-0.

Due to no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

President's Signature

Secretary's Signature