

**MARLINGTON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
February 6, 2020 Meeting**

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February 6, 2020

Marlington Middle School Cafeteria  
Regular Meeting Agenda

7:00 P.M.

**I. Call to Order**

- A. Invocation** - Mr. Joe Knoll, Superintendent
- B. Pledge of Allegiance**
- C. Reading of Mission Statement** – Mr. Josh Hagan

In collaboration with staff, community, parents, and students, the Marlington Local School District will develop lifelong learners who understand and apply knowledge, and demonstrate excellence in pursuing the highest standards with effective intervention to challenge every student.

**II. Roll Call**

This meeting is a meeting of the Board of Education in public for the purpose of conducting the school district's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. There is a time for public participation during the meeting as indicated in the agenda item IV.

Carolyn Gabric	Present
Josh Hagan	Present
Karen Humphries	Present
Scott Mason	Present
Danielle Stevens	Present

**III. Adoption of Meeting Agenda – Mrs. Carolyn Gabric, President****A. Additions or Corrections**

Mr. Hagan : Would like to add under section 6B that action may be taken and discussion regarding the building tours starting at the next meeting.

Mrs. Gabric: Would like to add discussion may follow executive session on matters discussed during executive session.

- B. Recommend that the Marlinton Local Board of Education adopt the following agenda for the February 6, 2020 meeting.

BOE Member	1st Motion	2nd Motion	Yea	Nay	Abst.		Approved	Not Approved	Table
Carolyn Gabric			x			<b>Final Resolution:</b>		x	
Josh Hagan			x			<b>Resolution No.</b>			
Karen Humphries				x					
Scott Mason				x					
Danielle Stevens			x						

#### IV. Public Participation

Persons wishing to present information or items to the Board should contact the Superintendent five days prior to the Board meeting. To allow the Board to complete the agenda in an effective and efficient manner, public presentations may be limited. Persons or groups who wish to present an item but have not made arrangements to be placed on the agenda will be given three minutes to present their concerns.

- Bob Ritchie, Sr.
- Jeni Menegay
- David Bucuanan
- Jacki Scott
- Mary Sherman
- Linda Freeman
- Erika Lukens- Yoder

#### (Motion Reread for lack of 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>)

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Josh Hagan	x		x			<b>Resolution No.</b>	60.20		
Karen Humphries				x					
Scott Mason				x					
Danielle Stevens		x	x						

#### V. Old Business

## VI. New Business

### A. Superintendent Report – Mr. Joe Knoll

### B. Board Discussion

#### 1. Marlboro Discussion:

\*\*The board took a brief recess at 8:02 p.m. and reconvening at 8:05 p.m.

#### ➤ Projected savings – Mrs. Kathryn Brugger

- The projected savings that had been calculated prior to the closing of Marlboro was presented at \$398,669.28. \$365,980.16 of which was related directly to staff savings.
- Additionally, there was clarification provided on the Wellness funding that was used to reduce expenditures on the personnel line of the five-year forecast as there had been some confusion in the community as to the funding's relation to the Marlboro savings in which case there is none. Both items are completely different and cannot be interchanged.
- There was also discussion on if the cost savings was for only one year or recurring. Since Salaries are recurring expenses that take place every year, those expenditures should be considered to be cumulative. It is as safe assumption that reopening Marlboro could potentially cost more than 1.6 million dollars over four years based on the estimated cost savings and considering that more teachers may need to be hired to attend to needs.

#### ➤ Enrollment/Vision – Mr. Joe Knoll

- Mr. Knoll spoke on the historical declining enrollment of the district and presented surveys taken by our districts parents on building transition.
- He also mentioned that there was no additional cost for bussing for the building consolidation and to reopen Marlboro, there would be additional teachers needed above the \$398,669.28 cost savings.

**Mrs. Stevens:** Praised the schools and teachers for how great they are. Does not care for sending students across town and ran for school board because she wants to make a difference.

**Mrs. Humphries:** Spoke on balance. With how it relates to the financial factors and staff. She feels that there needs to be a balance so that all voices are heard. She believes the parents and financials recommended consolidation.

**Dr. Mason:** Apologized for losing his temper. He was not interested in spending additional money for providing the same level of education.

**Mrs. Gabric:** Felt that the public opinion was fairly represented at the polls and that with the NEXUS funding cuts, this is a fair direction for the district to head.

The **MARLINGTON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION** (“Board”), met in regular session, on the 6th day of February, 2020, with the following members present:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. Carolyn Gabric \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Josh Hagan \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. Karen Humphries \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Dr. Scott Mason \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. Danielle Stevens \_\_\_\_\_

Board member \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Josh Hagan \_\_\_\_\_ moved for adoption of the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the majority of district voters has consistently rejected the proposal to consolidate Marlinton’s elementary schools in three consecutive elections, and

**WHEREAS**, it is more practical to educate children in their own communities closer to home, and

**WHEREAS**, Marlboro Elementary School is the elementary school that is in the best condition, and requiring the least amount of maintenance and repairs, and

**WHEREAS**, the personnel required to serve the school are still employed within the district as a result of staff reassignments, and

**WHEREAS**, district financial data is inconsistent regarding whether any cost savings has been realized by the closure of Marlboro Elementary School

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board will honor the will of the voting majority by terminating the pursuit for consolidation of schools and/or new school construction, and return Marlboro Elementary School to active status, committing to all the necessary actions so that it may be open and ready to receive students K-5 for the start of the 2020-2021 school year, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board shall appoint/hire a designee that will commit to developing and executing an efficient and expedient plan to reopen Marlboro Elementary School for the 2020-2021 school year with the necessary oversight from and discretion of the Board.

Board member \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. Stevens \_\_\_\_\_ seconded the motion.

Upon roll call on passage of the resolution, the vote was as follows:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. Carolyn Gabric \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Josh Hagan \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. Karen Humphries \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Dr. Scott Mason \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. Danielle Stevens \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_

ADOPTED: February 6, 2020.

ATTEST:

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Carolyn Gabric, President

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Kathryn Brugger, Board Treasurer

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Carolyn Gabric			x			<b>Final Resolution:</b>	x		
Josh Hagan	x		x			<b>Resolution No.</b>	61.20		
Karen Humphries				x					
Scott Mason				x					
Danielle Stevens		x	x						

## 2. District Repairs/Renovations:

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          Mr. Josh Hagan          

          Mrs. Karen Humphries          

          Dr. Scott Mason          

          Mrs. Danielle Stevens          

Board member           Mrs. Stevens           moved for adoption of the following resolution:

### **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the majority of district voters has consistently rejected the proposal of consolidating schools and new school construction, as well as the exceedingly high costs associated with such projects in three consecutive elections, and

**WHEREAS**, it is incumbent upon Board members, as elected officials, to legitimately consider and carry out the directives of the voting majority who place them in their positions and from whom they derive their governing powers, and

**WHEREAS**, the NEXUS pipeline has sought a re-valuation that may result in a near 30% reduction in tax revenue for the district, beginning with diminished payments in March 2020, yielding significantly less than previously expected, and

**WHEREAS**, other local school districts that pursued large scale construction projects on anticipated tax revenue are now struggling financially, and

**WHEREAS**, the budget forecast has predicted a possible deficit in the near future, necessitating a more conservative financial approach

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board shall refrain from large-scale new construction projects that are not financially feasible at this time and instead adopt a restore and repair approach to all district buildings with the purpose of returning to and maintaining them in optimal working order.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board shall dedicate all NEXUS tax revenue to this purpose so as to avoid an undue financial burden on the taxpayers.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board shall make completing all building maintenance issues a top priority with commitments to their funding and timely completion as soon as possible upon notification.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the three district elementary schools will take precedence in the order of building repair projects with Marlboro Elementary School being the first.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that in consideration of the scale of this project, in addition to the time required to bring it to successful completion, the Board shall appoint/hire a designee to manage all aspects of it, taking the necessary actions with the oversight and discretion of the Board.

Board member Mr. Josh Hagan seconded the motion.

Upon roll call on passage of the resolution, the vote was as follows:

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ADOPTED: February 6, 2020.

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Carolyn Gabric, President

ATTEST:

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Kathryn Brugger, Board Treasurer

**(Amended Motion)**

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          Mr. Josh Hagan          

          Mrs. Karen Humphries          

          Dr. Scott Mason          

          Mrs. Danielle Stevens          

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Board member Mrs. Danielle Stevens seconded the motion.

Upon roll call on passage of the resolution, the vote was as follows:

<u>Mrs. Carolyn Gabric</u>	<u>Yes</u>
<u>Mr. Josh Hagan</u>	<u>Yes</u>
<u>Mrs. Karen Humphries</u>	<u>No</u>
<u>Dr. Scott Mason</u>	<u>No</u>
<u>Mrs. Danielle Stevens</u>	<u>Yes</u>

ADOPTED: February 6, 2020.

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Carolyn Gabric, President

ATTEST:

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Kathryn Brugger, Board Treasurer



Motion to strike the word “all” in the resolution.

BOE Member	1st Motion	2nd Motion	Yea	Nay	Abst.		Approved	Not Approved	Table
Carolyn Gabric			x			Final Resolution:	x		
Josh Hagan	x		x			Resolution No.	62.20		
Karen Humphries				x					
Scott Mason				x					
Danielle Stevens		x	x						

Approval of motion as amended

BOE Member	1st Motion	2nd Motion	Yea	Nay	Abst.		Approved	Not Approved	Table
Carolyn Gabric			x			Final Resolution:	x		
Josh Hagan		x	x			Resolution No.	63.20		
Karen Humphries				x					
Scott Mason				x					
Danielle Stevens	x		x						

## VII. Treasurer’s Agenda

### A. Minutes

- 1) Recommend the motion to approve the minutes of the following meetings:
- |                        |                  |
|------------------------|------------------|
| Organizational Meeting | January 13, 2020 |
| Regular Meeting        | January 13, 2020 |

BOE Member	1st Motion	2nd Motion	Yea	Nay	Abst.		Approved	Not Approved	Table
Carolyn Gabric			x			Final Resolution:	x		
Josh Hagan			x			Resolution No.	64.20		
Karen Humphries	x		x						
Scott Mason		x	x						
Danielle Stevens			x						

**B. Financial Resolutions**

1. Recommend the motion for the following changes to the Marlinton High School Phase 2 Windows and Doors Project payable to Capital Aluminum and Glass Corp as shown below:

\$500.00 – adjustment to base price  
 \$700.00 – change order

BOE Member	1st Motion	2nd Motion	Yea	Nay	Abst.		Approved	Not Approved	Table
Carolyn Gabric			x			<b>Final Resolution:</b>	x		
Josh Hagan			x			<b>Resolution No.</b>	65.20		
Karen Humphries	x		x						
Scott Mason		x	x						
Danielle Stevens			x						

2. Recommend the motion to approve legal consultations with the following:

Bricker & Eckler – Nexus Update  
 Lane, Alton & Horst – Economic Development

BOE Member	1st Motion	2nd Motion	Yea	Nay	Abst.		Approved	Not Approved	Table
Carolyn Gabric			x			<b>Final Resolution:</b>	x		
Josh Hagan			x			<b>Resolution No.</b>	66.20		
Karen Humphries	x		x						
Scott Mason		x	x						
Danielle Stevens			x						

3. Recommend the motion to approve the amended appropriations as presented, and marked “Exhibit I”.

BOE Member	1st Motion	2nd Motion	Yea	Nay	Abst.		Approved	Not Approved	Table
Carolyn Gabric			x			<b>Final Resolution:</b>	x		
Josh Hagan		x	x			<b>Resolution No.</b>	67.20		
Karen Humphries			x						
Scott Mason	x		x						
Danielle Stevens			x						

**VIII. Announcements:**

2/7/20	MHS National Honor Society Rigatoni Dinner (5:00 – 6:30 p.m. - HS Cafeteria)
2/8/20	MHS Winter Sports Dance (7:00 – 10:00 p.m. – Moulin Center)
2/13/20	Parent Teacher Conferences (2:30 - 7:30 p.m. – High School/Middle School)
2/13/20	Parent Teacher Conferences (3:30 - 8:30 p.m. – Elementary Schools)
2/14/20	No School – Teacher Day
2/17/20	No School – Presidents Day

**IX. Next Board of Education Meeting:**

Regular Meeting: February 20, 2020  
7:00 P.M.  
at Marlinton Middle School Cafeteria

**X. Enter into Executive Session in accordance with ORC 121.22 to consider the following: confidential information related to negotiations with other political subdivisions respecting requests for economic development assistance and the executive session is necessary to protect the interests of the applicant or the possible investment or expenditure of public funds to be made in connection with the economic development projects; to discuss the employment of a public employee; for discussion of matters required to be kept confidential by federal law, rules or state statutes; and for preparing for, conducting, or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees.**

**IN: 9:08 P.M.**

BOE Member	1st Motion	2nd Motion	Yea	Nay	Abst.		Approved	Not Approved	Table
Carolyn Gabric			x			<b>Final Resolution:</b>	x		
Josh Hagan	x		x			<b>Resolution No.</b>	68.20		
Karen Humphries			x						
Scott Mason			x						
Danielle Stevens		x	x						

**OUT: 11:08 P.M.**

**XI. Adjournment**

It is recommended that the Board of education adjourn the meeting at 11:10 P.M.

BOE Member	1st Motion	2nd Motion	Yea	Nay	Abst.		Approved	Not Approved	Table
Carolyn Gabric			x			<b>Final Resolution:</b>	x		
Josh Hagan			x			<b>Resolution No.</b>	69.20		
Karen Humphries		x	x						
Scott Mason			x						
Danielle Stevens	x		x						

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Board President

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Treasurer

"EXHIBIT I"

FUND	Description	FTD Appropriation	FTD Carryover Encumbrances	Revision	Purpose	Total Appropriations
001	GENERAL	\$24,823,628.00	\$375,476.52			\$25,199,104.52
					Alignment of Window contract from December meeting and pending January resolution.	
003	PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT	\$1,659,690.00	\$313,599.75	\$230,500.00		\$2,203,789.75
006	FOOD SERVICE	\$1,100,000.00	\$7,474.84			\$1,107,474.84
007	SPECIAL TRUST	\$16,200.00	\$0.00			\$16,200.00
018	PUBLIC SCHOOL SUPPORT	\$222,250.00	\$6,165.03			\$228,415.03
019	OTHER GRANT	\$15,000.00	\$200.00			\$15,200.00
022	DISTRICT AGENCY	\$78,950.00	\$911.45			\$79,861.45
035	TERMINATION BENEFITS - HB426	\$50,000.00	\$0.00			\$50,000.00
200	STUDENT MANAGED ACTIVITY	\$91,786.07	\$2,545.82			\$94,331.89
300	DISTRICT MANAGED ACTIVITY	\$446,561.24	\$12,393.83			\$458,955.07
430	MOTORCYCLE SAFETY & EDUC. FUND	\$50,000.00	\$0.00			\$50,000.00
451	DATA COMMUNICATION FUND	\$9,000.00	\$0.00			\$9,000.00
461	VOCATIONAL EDUC. ENHANCEMENTS	\$4,772.00	\$0.00			\$4,772.00
467	STUDENT WELLNESS AND SUCCESS	\$493,209.00	\$0.00			\$493,209.00
499	MISCELLANEOUS STATE GRANT FUND	\$47,661.70	\$0.00			\$47,661.70
505	INSTRUCT. PROGRAMS - MIGRANT	\$346,575.83	\$9,434.15			\$356,009.98
516	IDEA PART B GRANTS	\$497,085.63	\$36,068.76			\$533,154.39
572	TITLE I DISADVANTAGED CHILDREN	\$536,663.05	\$1,875.77			\$538,538.82
590	IMPROVING TEACHER QUALITY	\$83,208.44	\$0.00			\$83,208.44
599	MISCELLANEOUS FED. GRANT FUND	\$36,213.81	\$0.00			\$36,213.81
		\$30,608,454.77	\$766,145.92			\$31,605,100.69

Treasurer Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Exhibit I

Resolution Number \_\_\_\_\_