

**Marlington Local School District Board of Education - Special Meeting (Monday, July 19, 2021) - In Person Meeting –**

Marlington High School DLZ

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A. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 4:32 p.m. by the Board President.

Procedural: 1. Roll Call

Name	Status
Carolyn Gabric	Present
Josh Hagan	Present
Karen Humphries	Present
Scott Mason	Present

Action: 2. Adoption of Meeting Agenda - Mrs. Carolyn Gabric

Recommended Action: Recommend that the Marlington Local Board of Education adopt the following agenda for July 19, 2021.

Motion to approve the agenda as amended, to add open discussion with board candidate prior to executive session.

Moved	Josh Hagan
Second	Karen Humphries

Resolution: 165-21	Approved
Carolyn Gabric	Yes
Josh Hagan	Yes
Karen Humphries	Yes
Scott Mason	Yes

Motion to approve the agenda as amended.

Moved	Karen Humphries
Second	Josh Hagan

Resolution: 166-21	Approved
Carolyn Gabric	Yes
Josh Hagan	Yes
Karen Humphries	Yes
Scott Mason	Yes

Open Discussion with the board candidate, Mr. Misch

Mrs. Gabric calls on Mr. Matthew Misch to answer questions. Mr. Misch states his goal as a board member would be to bring the community together to advance the Marlington Local School District. His focus would be on the students.

Dr. Mason asks Mr. Misch to share his leadership style. Mr. Misch states that he is a supervisor and deals with conflicts by speaking with both parties and works toward agreement.

Mrs. Humphries asks Mr. Misch if he believes the educational process at Marlington is moving in the direction that benefits students. Mr. Misch states that the district is moving in the correct direction. COVID caused a situation and his focus would be to prepare for any future situations. Mr. Misch states the importance of available student resources for school and home in these situations.

Mr. Hagan asks Mr. Misch to comment on areas of improvement for the district. Mr. Misch states the need for better communication to reach a unified front and new technology to prepare students for future changes.

Mrs. Gabric asks Mr. Misch to comment on the balance between keeping kids as the focus and the wishes of the community. Mr. Misch states the need to talk to the community, allow people to talk and listen. He adds that the board will need to have discussions and make decisions. Mr. Misch adds that if we do what is best for the kids we can't fail.

Mrs. Gabric asks Mr. Misch to comment on the direction he feels the community is instructing the board to move. Mr. Misch states that results of the last voting shows the community does not want a new school yet. He adds that we must focus on what we have in front of us. Mr. Misch states that this focus will allow us to make good choices in the future, own any mistakes, and try to make the situation better.

Mrs. Gabric asks Mr. Misch to correlate the comments to the last question to facilities. Mr. Misch states that what we have currently and what we have done is the facilities. We can reevaluate. Mr. Misch states that he does not have the numbers for this situation at this time. Mr. Misch adds that tax money has gone to these facilities and shutting them down today or tomorrow is not the answer. He adds that the board needs to discuss the future and what is best for kids. He adds that buildings come and go; your legacy has to be what you do for your community and give your kids the resources to grow as a group.

Mr. Hagan asks Mr. Misch what he believes should be the focus for the Marlinton Local School Board. Mr. Misch states that we need to be a united board. Mr. Hagan asks Mr. Misch if he believes we can provide our students an excellent education and keep our township schools. Mr. Misch states that we have to do our best with what we have currently and grow from that point. Mrs. Gabric states that our board is 2-2 on facilities and asks Mr. Misch to comment on how he would vote. Mr. Misch states that he will vote based on available information and numbers at that time. He adds that he has no political side. Mr. Misch adds that his goal is 4-1 or 5-0 votes.

Mr. Hagan asks to clarify the understanding that Mr. Misch is not looking to make drastic changes. Mr. Hagan asks Mr. Misch to verify that there is not going to be a halt on current construction in progress and no closing of buildings in the near future. Mr. Misch states that he cannot comment on those situations because he does not have all the information. He adds that we have already spent money on this project and he would not shut it down just because we spent money on it. Tomorrow we could have another pandemic and need kids spaced out in schools. He does not know. He adds that circumstances change. Buildings don't matter it comes down to what we are teaching our kids. He adds that he cares about the kids and the community. Mr. Misch states that he is not here to close schools there are other important focuses in the district.

Mrs. Gabric states that the board agrees on many issues except facilities. For this reason, it is important we discuss facilities and your vote. Mr. Misch states that buildings come and go. The important thing is what we do for our kids and what our kids get to do. Mrs. Gabric shares some community questions and concerns received by the board. She asks for Mr. Misch to reassure that decisions made by the board are honored and we continue to move forward in a positive way for our students. Mrs. Gabric asks Mr. Misch to comment on his previous statement on October 19 regarding Mr. Hippley's decision. Mr. Misch states that he did not completely agree with the pipelines and the schools as well as redoing the schools. Mr. Misch adds that there had to be another answer. There needed to be more communication to come up with the answer. It needs to be about what our kids are taught. Mrs. Gabric asks Mr. Misch to discuss what his decision would have been at that time. Mr. Misch states that he would have explored the option of making the building a career center as well as looking at new technology such as solar energy. He added that we are going in the right direction but our kids are not getting everything they need such as safety and mental issues.

Mrs. Gabric states that a resolution passed by a previous board placed all the nexus money into capital projects fund to be used for buildings (new or repair existing). The board has voted to use 100% of the nexus funds to pay down the upgrades (\$4.7 million) within four years; the interest rate is less than 2%. She adds that we have structured the budget around using those funds in that manner. Are you in favor or paying down that obligation as soon as possible? Mr. Misch states that the board has previously voted on this matter. He adds that he should not have a vote to stop the process.

Mrs. Gabric asks if Mr. Misch is planning to run for the board. Mr. Misch announces that he will run for the board. Mr. Misch adds that he was unable to run for the board previously due to personal reasons and a possible relocation of the family.

Mrs. Gabric states that we have three elementary buildings. She presents Mr. Misch with a situation and asks he give his decision. She states that he learns closing a building could save \$200,000 but the community states it wants the buildings to remain open. Mr. Misch states that he would ask to board to take it to a vote. He adds that different circumstances would be considered such as kids presently attending the building and safety issues. He adds that closure cannot come down to money. Decisions must be what is right for the community and kids. He adds that if we do what is right we will bring everyone into this district. He adds that if you make it about the kids and not the buildings we will succeed.

Mrs. Gabric asks Mr. Misch if he sees doing what is right as the wants of the majority of the community? Mr. Misch states we need to make what we currently have work for the district.

**B. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Procedural: 1. Executive Session

Josh Hagan moved and Scott Mason seconds a motion for the Executive Session Resolution:

Recommend the motion for the Marlinton Local School District Board of Education ("Board") to recess into executive session pursuant to R.C. 121.22(G)(1) for the purpose of considering the appointment of a public official. All matters discussed in this executive session are designated to the public officials and employees as confidential pursuant to R.C. 102.03(B) because of the status of the proceedings and/or the circumstances under which the information will be received, and preserving its confidentiality is necessary to the proper conduct of government business. Following executive session, action may be taken in Open Session.  
Roll Call Vote:

Time In: 5:04      Time Out: 5:08

Resolution: 167-21	Approved
Carolyn Gabric	Yes
Josh Hagan	Yes
Karen Humphries	Yes
Scott Mason	Yes

**C. Board Action**

Resolution to Fill Marlinton Board of Education Vacancy (R.C. 3313.11)

Whereas a vacancy has been caused on the Marlinton Board of Education by reason of resignation; and  
Whereas this Board of Education has the legal authority to fill a vacancy for the unexpired term thereof;  
Now, therefore, be it resolved by a majority vote of all the remaining members of the Board of Education of the Marlinton Local School District that Matt Misch be and hereby is, appointed to serve as a member of the Marlinton Local Board of Education for the unexpired term of Danielle Stevens, whose term would have ended on January 1, 2024.

The person appointed will serve the shorter of either the completion of the term of the original board member, or until January 1 following the next regular board of education election, if the election occurs at least 90 days after the person is appointed.

Moved by Josh Hagan and seconded by Karen Humphries, this resolution was adopted at a meeting of the board of education of the Marlinton Local School District on July 19, 2021.

Yes:

No:

In witness thereof, I hereby affix my signature.

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Treasurer

Moved	Josh Hagan
Second	Karen Humphries

Resolution: 168-21	Approved
Carolyn Gabric	Yes
Josh Hagan	Yes
Karen Humphries	Yes
Scott Mason	Yes

Dr. Main, Treasurer, administers the oath of office to Matthew Misch.

Mr. Misch joins the meeting

D. Adjourn: 5:10 p.m.

Action: 1. Adjournment

Recommended Action: Recommended Action: Motion to adjourn

Moved	Matthew Misch
Second	Scott Mason

Resolution: 169-21	Approved
Carolyn Gabric	Yes
Josh Hagan	Yes
Karen Humphries	Yes
Scott Mason	Yes
Matthew Misch	Yes

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Carolyn Gabric, Board President

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Dr. Patty A. Main, Treasurer