

Marlington Local School District Board of Education (Thursday, November 16, 2023)

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A. CALL TO ORDER

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Roll Call

Josh Hagan
Karen Humphries
Cathy Krupko
Mark Ryan
Jonathan Swift

3. Reading of Mission Statement - Mrs. Karen Humphries

4. Additions or Corrections to the November 16, 2023 Meeting Agenda - None.

5. Adoption of Meeting Agenda - Mrs. Karen Humphries

172.23 Ms. Krupko moved and Mr. Swift seconded that the Marlington Local Board of Education adopt the agenda for November 16, 2023.

Josh Hagan	Yes
Karen Humphries	Yes
Cathy Krupko	Yes
Mark Ryan	Yes
Jonathan Swift	Yes

6. Special Presentation

October Students of the Month

High School Elk Students of the Month: Janelle, daughter of Dave and Amy Swisher. Bo, son of Tierney Bratten and Tom Bratten.

Middle School Students of the Month: Lillyanna Girdharry, daughter of Kim and Compton Girdharry. Brody Findling, son of Megan Findling. Isabella Coen, daughter of Chelsie Wagner (September).

Elementary Kiwanis Student of the Month:

Lexington Elementary - Avelynn Diamond, daughter of Tracy Morrow and Cedric Diamond.

Marlboro Elementary - Temperance Ebie, daughter of Laura Hoopes and Brian Ebie.

Washington Elementary - Natalie Dipold, daughter of Maria and Dax.

Mr. Swisher invited attendees to leave before the remainder of the meeting.

7. Invocation - Gary Busch

8. OSBA presentation - The Board

Board members and Mr. Swisher provided a brief update on the sessions they attended at the recent OSBA Annual Conference.

9. Presentation - Mr. Dan Swisher

Mr. Swisher celebrated the recent success of Marlington athletes, highlighting the Boys Cross County winning the State Championship for the third year in a row. Also, girls volleyball went to the final four in the state championship, Boys Soccer were EBC champions, and the High School Band earned an Excellent rating at the State Championship.

Mr. Swisher also noted that US News and World Report recognized Washington Elementary and Marlington Middle School.

Mr. Swisher explained the difference between an operating levy and a permanent improvement levy and expressed the desire to keep the operating money for operations, and have a 2.9 permanent improvement levy for buildings. He explained that, based on initial estimates from the County Auditor, a 2.9 mill levy would cost about \$101/year for the owner of a \$100,000 home. As a rough estimate, the levy is expected to bring in \$1.5 million gross, but would net approximately \$1.4 million due to current valuation of the Nexus pipeline.

10. Five-Year Forecast

Mr. Ghizzoni from Forecast5/Frontline Education provided a presentation of the five-year forecast. Some highlights are as follows:

- Based on cuts made by the district, the forecast is showing an operating surplus of \$183,000 in fiscal year 2024, followed by operating deficits beginning in fiscal year 2025.
- It is still not clear when the pipeline lawsuit will be settled, but for forecast purposes, the revenue from the pipeline settlement is reflected in fiscal year 2027.
- Property taxes are increasing at record levels - reappraisal will be next year for Stark County. This will cause Marlington to be on the '20-mill floor' in fiscal year 2025, which is expected to result in an increase in property tax revenue of approximately \$500,000 in fiscal year 2025, and about \$1 million in fiscal year 2026. Future legislation may affect the 20-mill floor calculation.
- Revenue is looking better than it was in May due to real estate and interest income.
- Due to reductions in staffing made by the district, expenditures are down about \$480,000 in salaries and \$57,000 in benefits, as compared to the May 2023 forecast.

- 20% increase in property values are anticipated in the forecast; some districts that were reappraised this year (other counties) saw increases upward of 30-35%, but with some cooling off of the market, 20% is being anticipated for next year's increase.
- Mr. Hagan likened the 20-mill floor to an unvoted millage increase.
- Mr. Swisher clarified that the millage of the levy would be for buildings, noting that we need to maintain our buildings but cannot do that without taking money out of the operating account.
- Mr. Hagan expressed concern about homeowner taxes being higher than anticipated due to the additional effect of the 20-mill floor.
- Mr. Hagan asked what other major construction projects, after the next two phases of the roof, would 1.4 mills be needed for. Mr. Swisher noted that it would take another 2+ million after this phase to finish the roof, and mentioned the need for air for the HS gym and auditorium, continued paving, and asbestos abatement issues. Mr. Swisher also mentioned the track would eventually need work, and the tennis courts are planned to be redone this spring.

11. Public Participation - None

B. OLD BUSINESS - None

C. NEW BUSINESS

173.23 Mr. Swift moved and Mr. Hagan seconded the motion to approve the Natural Gas Bid Resolution as shown in Exhibit A:

Josh Hagan	Yes
Karen Humphries	Yes
Cathy Krupko	Yes
Mark Ryan	Yes
Jonathan Swift	Yes

174.23 Mr. Ryan moved and Ms. Krupko seconded the motion to approve the Roof Project Resolution (Phase 2) as shown in Exhibit B:

Josh Hagan	Yes
Karen Humphries	Yes
Cathy Krupko	Yes
Mark Ryan	Yes
Jonathan Swift	Yes

175.23 Mr. Hagan moved and Ms. Krupko seconded the motion to approve the following Levy Resolution as shown in Exhibit C:

Josh Hagan	No
Karen Humphries	Yes
Cathy Krupko	Yes
Mark Ryan	Yes
Jonathan Swift	Yes

D. TREASURER'S AGENDA - Mr. Bob Foss

176.23 Ms. Krupko moved and Mr. Hagan seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the following meeting as shown in Exhibits D:
October 19, 2023 Regular

Josh Hagan	Yes
Karen Humphries	Yes
Cathy Krupko	Yes
Mark Ryan	Yes
Jonathan Swift	Yes

177.23 Mr. Ryan moved and Mr. Hagan seconded the motion to approve the financial reports for the period ending October 31, 2023 as shown in Exhibits E-G:

Josh Hagan	Yes
Karen Humphries	Yes
Cathy Krupko	Yes
Mark Ryan	Yes
Jonathan Swift	Yes

178.23 Ms. Krupko moved and Mr. Swift seconded the motion to approve the following budget revisions, as presented in Exhibit H:

Josh Hagan	Yes
Karen Humphries	Yes
Cathy Krupko	Yes
Mark Ryan	Yes
Jonathan Swift	Yes

179.23 Mr. Ryan moved and Mr. Swift seconded the motion to approve the donations for October 2023 as shown in Exhibit I:

1. Alliance Elk Charities: \$5000.00 to support students directly through Marlinton's Family Support Specialists.

Josh Hagan Yes
Karen Humphries Yes
Cathy Krupko Yes
Mark Ryan Yes
Jonathan Swift Yes

180.23 Mr. Ryan moved and Ms. Krupko seconded the motion to approve the Five Year Forecast as shown in Exhibit J:

Josh Hagan Yes
Karen Humphries Yes
Cathy Krupko Yes
Mark Ryan Yes
Jonathan Swift Yes

E. PERSONNEL

181.23 Mr. Ryan moved and Mr. Hagan seconded to approve personnel items 1-4 as a consent agenda.

1. Classified Staff Hire

Recommended Action: Recommend the motion to hire the following classified staff for the 2023-2024 school year pending verification of satisfactory credentials and BCI/ FBI checks as required: Kristin Dickson, 2.5 hour classroom aide, effective November 6, 2023, and Jesse Secrest, bus driver, effective December 1, 2023.

2. Classified Sub Hires

Recommended Action: Recommend the motion to hire the following Classified Substitute for the 2023-2024 school year pending verification of satisfactory credentials and BCI/ FBI checks as required: Jeannie Goebelbecker, and Lora Lipfird.

3. Preferred Sub Hire

Recommended Action: Recommend the motion to hire the following Preferred Substitute for the 2023-2024 school year pending verification of satisfactory credentials and BCI/ FBI checks as required: Pam Kraft.

4. Supplemental Employment for the 2023-2024 School Year

Recommended Action: Recommend the motion to hire the following Supplemental Staff pending verification of satisfactory credentials and BCI/ FBI checks as required: Michelle Gross -Lex Music, Lex Band, Marlboro Band, and Lex Steam Club (.5). Corrie Schneider - Lex Steam Club (.5)

Josh Hagan Yes
Karen Humphries Yes
Cathy Krupko Yes
Mark Ryan Yes
Jonathan Swift Yes

F. ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Upcoming events

Nov. 22-27 - Thanksgiving Break Dec. 2 - Frosty's Boutique

G. NEXT BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

1. Next Board of Education Meeting Date

182.23 Mr. Swift moved and Mr. Hagan seconded the motion to set the time and place of the next Board meeting as December 14, 2023 at 6pm in the High School DLZ.

Josh Hagan Yes
Karen Humphries Yes
Cathy Krupko Yes
Mark Ryan Yes
Jonathan Swift Yes

H. ADJOURNMENT

1. Adjourn

183.23 Mr. Ryan moved and Mr. Swift seconded the motion to adjourn.

Josh Hagan Yes
Karen Humphries Yes
Cathy Krupko Yes
Mark Ryan Yes
Jonathan Swift Yes

Karen Humphries, Board President

Robert Foss, Treasurer