

## OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Board of Education of the Marissa Community Unit School District #40 met in regular session on Monday, December 21, 2009 at 7:00 P.M. in the Conference Room of the Central Office at 1102 North Main Street, Marissa, IL.

**No. 7539**  
**Agenda Item 1**  
**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Thomas-Rehmer followed by the Pledge Allegiance.

**No. 7540**  
**Agenda Item 2**  
**Roll Call**

Present:

Mmes.: Bingel, Kimbrow, Monbrum, Thomas-Rehmer

Messrs.: Brazinski, Parker

Absent:

Mr. Lehman

Administrators present: Mr. Cogdill, Mr. Deets, Mr. Heuring

Others present: Colleen Seaton, Debbi Klausung, Jane Schaeffer, Cheryl Harriman

**No. 7541**  
**Agenda Item 3**  
**Approval of Agenda**

A motion was made by Mr. Brazinski, seconded by Ms. Kimbrow to approve the agenda as presented. Roll call:

Mrs. Bingel Aye

Mr. Brazinski Aye

Ms. Kimbrow Aye

Mrs. Monbrum Aye

Mr. Parker Aye

Mrs. Thomas-Rehmer Aye

Aye – 6 Nay – 0 Absent – 1 Motion carried.

**No. 7542**  
**Agenda Item 4**  
**Recognition of Public**

None

**No. 7543**  
**Agenda Item 5**  
**Consent Agenda**

A motion was made by Mrs. Bingel, seconded by Mr. Brazinski to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Roll call:

Mrs. Bingel Aye

Mr. Brazinski Aye

Ms. Kimbrow Aye

Mrs. Monbrum Aye

Mr. Parker Aye

Mrs. Thomas-Rehmer Aye

Aye – 6 Nay – 0 Absent – 1 Motion carried.

**No. 7544**  
**Agenda Item 6**  
**Approval of Bills Payable**

A motion was made by Mrs. Monbrum, seconded by Mr. Brazinski to approve the payment of bills payable for November as presented. Roll call:

Mrs. Bingel Aye

Mr. Brazinski	Aye
Ms. Kimbrow	Aye
Mrs. Monbrum	Aye
Mr. Parker	Aye
Mrs. Thomas-Rehmer	Aye

Aye – 6 Nay – 0 Absent – 1 Motion carried.

**No. 7545**  
**Agenda Item 7**  
**Secretary Correspondence**

A thank you note from the family of Robert Bumann, a letter of congratulations from Rep. Dan Reitz on the recent Bronze Award notification and a letter of resignation from Mrs. Courtney Warner, were read by Mrs. Monbrum.

**No. 7546**  
**Agenda Item 8**  
**Action Items**

*Adoption of Levy*

Mr. Cogdill presented four different proposals and provided explanations for each. It was his recommendation to approve the proposal with a 6.05% reduction equivalent to \$25,000 in reductions. A motion was made by Mrs. Bingel, seconded by Mrs. Monbrum to adopt the levy with a 6.05% reduction. Roll call:

Mrs. Bingel	Aye
Mr. Brazinski	Aye
Ms. Kimbrow	Aye
Mrs. Monbrum	Aye
Mr. Parker	Aye
Mrs. Thomas-Rehmer	Aye

Aye – 6 Nay – 0 Absent – 1 Motion carried.

*FY09 Audit*

A review of the findings was provided by Mr. Cogdill. A motion was made by Ms. Kimbrow, seconded by Mr. Brazinski to approve the FY09 Audit as presented by the auditors. Roll call:

Mrs. Bingel	Aye
Mr. Brazinski	Aye
Ms. Kimbrow	Aye
Mrs. Monbrum	Aye
Mr. Parker	Aye
Mrs. Thomas-Rehmer	Aye

Aye – 6 Nay – 0 Absent – 1 Motion carried.

*Fuel & Gas Bids*

A motion was by Mr. Parker, seconded by Ms. Kimbrow to let fuel and gas bids for the FY11 school year. Roll call:

Mrs. Bingel	Aye
Mr. Brazinski	Aye
Ms. Kimbrow	Aye
Mrs. Monbrum	Aye
Mr. Parker	Aye
Mrs. Thomas-Rehmer	Aye

Aye – 6 Nay – 0 Absent – 1 Motion carried.

*Band Trip to Branson, MO*

Mr. Richter provided a detailed itinerary for a proposed trip to Branson, MO. Following a period of discussion, a motion was made by

Mrs. Monbrum, seconded by Ms. Kimbrow to authorize a band trip to Branson, April 9-11, 2010, following the criteria provided by Mr. Richter. Roll call:

Mrs. Bingel	Aye
Mr. Brazinski	Aye
Ms. Kimbrow	Aye
Mrs. Monbrum	Aye
Mr. Parker	Aye
Mrs. Thomas-Rehmer	Aye

Aye – 6 Nay – 0 Absent – 1 Motion carried.

*First Reading of Polices*

A motion was made by Mrs. Bingel, seconded by Mr. Parker to approve the first reading of policy changes as presented. Roll call:

Mrs. Bingel	Aye
Mr. Brazinski	Aye
Ms. Kimbrow	Aye
Mrs. Monbrum	Aye
Mr. Parker	Aye
Mrs. Thomas-Rehmer	Aye

Aye – 6 Nay – 0 Absent – 1 Motion carried.

*Bus Stop Request*

A request has been received from a local day care provider to locate a bus stop near her home due to the lack of sidewalks in that area. In the discussion which followed, it was sited that if accommodations are made here, it would be expected that accommodations would need to be made at other locations in town. It was felt that this was a neighborhood issue and something that could be brought to the Village by that group. A motion was made by Mr. Brazinski, seconded by Mrs. Bingel to deny the request for an additional bus stop. Roll call:

Mrs. Bingel	Aye
Mr. Brazinski	Aye
Ms. Kimbrow	Aye
Mrs. Monbrum	Aye
Mr. Parker	Abstain
Mrs. Thomas-Rehmer	Aye

Aye – 5 Nay – 0 Abstain – 1 Absent – 1 Motion carried.

*Sr. Trip Request*

A request for a class trip along with an itinerary was submitted by the 2010 Senior Class and sponsors. A motion was made by Mrs. Bingel, seconded by Mr. Parker to approve the Senior trip as presented. Roll call:

Mrs. Bingel	Aye
Mr. Brazinski	Aye
Ms. Kimbrow	Aye
Mrs. Monbrum	Aye

Mr. Parker Aye  
Mrs. Thomas-Rehmer Aye  
Aye – 6 Nay – 0 Absent – 1 Motion carried.

**No. 7547**  
**Agenda Item 9**  
**Board Reports**

Mrs. Monbrum reported on the meeting held with a committee of teachers in an effort to find ways to cut costs. She stated that ideas were presented and discussed. Another meeting of the committee will be held on January 20, 2010.

Mrs. Thomas-Rehmer reported that the Building Committee met and investigated suggestions which had been made by the high school staff. Mr. Cogdill will be in contact with the architect to get preliminary figures on a plan but suggested waiting until things become more definite with the state budget.

**No. 7548**  
**Agenda Item 10**  
**Administrator Reports**

*Mr. Deets*

The elementary Christmas program was held on December 15<sup>th</sup>. The split program worked well, although attendance at both programs was large. A \$900 donation from the union laborers at Prairie State was given and distributed among families. The Beta Club conducted a canned food drive. Students in 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> grades will be attending the St. Louis Symphony in February. The elementary will be collecting Capri Sun pouches.

*Mr. Heuring*

Jr. High volleyball will begin, following the Christmas break. The Jr./Sr. High band concert was held on December 16<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Birch will begin class scheduling when students return in January. Each student will have a four-year plan. Enrollment is currently a 230 students.

A recommendation to offer and promote accounting to students was made. Mr. Cogdill suggested that a Career Fair be provided where all teachers have an opportunity to promote their classes to spark interest in all academic areas.

*Mr. Cogdill*

An explanation of the "Race to the Top" was given. This is a 4.3 billion dollar grant to be released by the federal government. Illinois will have approximately five million, of which \$200,000 could be available for local districts. Due to the many unknown factors, Mr. Cogdill has been in contact with the District's attorney. It was the attorney's opinion that the District would not impose any legal obligation if we

were to sign off on it at this time. By not signing off, the District would not be on the priority list if stimulus monies are made available. It was the general consensus of the board that no action should be taken at this time until more information is received. If necessary, a special meeting can be called if action becomes necessary.

**No. 7549**  
**Agenda Item 12**  
**Closed Session**

At 8:50 P.M. a motion was made by Mr. Parker seconded by Mr. Brazinski to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity and student disciplinary cases. Roll call:

Mrs. Bingel	Aye
Mr. Brazinski	Aye
Ms. Kimbrow	Aye
Mrs. Monbrum	Aye
Mr. Parker	Aye
Mrs. Thomas-Rehmer	Aye

Aye – 6 Nay – 0 Absent – 1 Motion carried.

**No. 7550**  
**Agenda Item 13**  
**Action on Item 12**

At 9:40 P.M. a motion was made by Ms. Kimbrow, seconded by Mr. Brazinski to come out of executive session. Roll call:

Mrs. Bingel	Aye
Mr. Brazinski	Aye
Ms. Kimbrow	Aye
Mrs. Monbrum	Aye
Mr. Parker	Aye
Mrs. Thomas-Rehmer	Aye

Aye – 6 Nay – 0 Absent – 1 Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. Monbrum, seconded by Mr. Parker to hire Joshua Johnson as the 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Basketball coach. Roll call:

Mrs. Bingel	Aye
Mr. Brazinski	Aye
Ms. Kimbrow	Aye
Mrs. Monbrum	Aye
Mr. Parker	Aye
Mrs. Thomas-Rehmer	Aye

Aye – 6 Nay – 0 Absent – 1 Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Parker, seconded by Mrs. Bingel to hire Alicia Young as the 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Basketball Coach. Roll call:

Mrs. Bingel	Aye
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Mr. Brazinski	Aye
Ms. Kimbrow	Aye
Mrs. Monbrum	Aye
Mr. Parker	Aye
Mrs. Thomas-Rehmer	Aye

Aye – 6 Nay – 0 Absent – 1 Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. Monbrum, seconded by Mrs. Bingel to accept the resignation of Mrs. Courtney Warner as elementary Title I Aide. Roll call:

Mrs. Bingel	Aye
Mr. Brazinski	Aye
Ms. Kimbrow	Aye
Mrs. Monbrum	Aye
Mr. Parker	Aye
Mrs. Thomas-Rehmer	Aye

Aye – 6 Nay – 0 Absent – 1 Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Brazinski, seconded by Mrs. Bingel to approve the selection of Christine Roy as elementary Title I Aide for the remainder of the FY10 school year. Roll call:

Mrs. Bingel	Aye
Mr. Brazinski	Aye
Ms. Kimbrow	Aye
Mrs. Monbrum	Aye
Mr. Parker	Aye
Mrs. Thomas-Rehmer	Aye

Aye – 6 Nay – 0 Absent – 1 Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. Monbrum, seconded by Mr. Parker to post the position of Musical Assistant. Roll call:

Mrs. Bingel	Aye
Mr. Brazinski	Aye
Ms. Kimbrow	Aye
Mrs. Monbrum	Aye
Mr. Parker	Aye
Mrs. Thomas-Rehmer	Aye

Aye – 6 Nay – 0 Absent – 1 Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Brazinski, seconded by Mrs. Bingel to post the Math Team Assistant Coach position. Roll call:

Mrs. Bingel	Aye
Mr. Brazinski	Aye
Ms. Kimbrow	Aye
Mrs. Monbrum	Aye
Mr. Parker	Aye
Mrs. Thomas-Rehmer	Aye

Aye – 6 Nay – 0 Absent – 1 Motion carried.

As requested, a meeting will be held with interested non-certified personnel with Mrs. Bingel, Mrs. Thomas-Rehmer and Mr. Lehman. A motion was made by Mr. Brazinski, seconded by Mrs. Monbrum to allow Jordan Wagner to act as the High School boy's basketball coach until he can be officially appointed at the next regular meeting. Roll call:

Mrs. Bingel	Aye
Mr. Brazinski	Aye
Ms. Kimbrow	Aye
Mrs. Monbrum	Aye
Mr. Parker	Aye
Mrs. Thomas-Rehmer	Aye

Aye – 6 Nay – 0 Absent – 1 Motion carried.

The next District Roundtable meeting will be held on January 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M. Mrs. Monbrum, Mrs. Thomas-Rehmer, and Ms. Kimbrow will attend, with Mr. Brazinski as an alternate.

At 9:45 P.M. a motion was made by Mr. Parker seconded by Ms. Kimbrow to adjourn the meeting.

Aye – 6 Nay – 0 Absent – 1 Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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Cheryl Harriman, Recording Secretary

**No. 7551**  
**Agenda Item 14**  
**Adjourn**

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Mary Thomas-Rehmer, President

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Joan Monbrum, Secretary