

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

The Board of Education of the Marissa Community Unit School District #40 met in regular session on Tuesday, February 17, 2009 at 7:30 P.M. in the Conference Room of the Central Office at 215 North Street, Marissa, IL.

**No. 7411  
Agenda Item 1  
Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Bingel, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**No. 7412  
Agenda Item 2  
Roll Call**

Present:

Mmes.: Bingel, Monbrum, Place

Messrs.: Brazinski, Parker

Absent:

Mmes.: Dickey, Thomas-Rehmer

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

Others present: Patricia Knop, Deanna Gilley, Jane Schaeffer, Cheryl Harriman

**No. 7413  
Agenda Item 3  
Approval of Agenda**

A motion was made by Mrs. Monbrum, seconded by Mrs. Place to approve the agenda as presented. Roll call:

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|---------------|-----|
| Mr. Brazinski | Aye |
| Mrs. Bingel   | Aye |
| Mrs. Monbrum  | Aye |
| Mr. Parker    | Aye |
| Mrs. Place    | Aye |

Aye – 5 Nay – 0 Absent – 2 Motion carried.

**No. 7414  
Agenda Item 4  
Recognition of Public**

None

**No. 7415  
Agenda Item 5  
Consent Agenda**

A motion was made by Mr. Brazinski, seconded by Mrs. Monbrum to approve the Consent Agenda as presented with noted corrections to the minutes.

Aye – 5 Nay – 0 Absent – 2 Motion carried.

**No. 7416  
Agenda Item 6  
Approval of Bills Payable**

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

|               |     |
|---------------|-----|
| Mr. Brazinski | Aye |
| Mrs. Bingel   | Aye |
| Mrs. Monbrum  | Aye |
| Mr. Parker    | Aye |
| Mrs. Place    | Aye |

Aye – 5 Nay – 0 Absent – 2 Motion carried.

No. 7417  
Agenda Item 7  
Secretary Correspondence

None

No. 7418  
Agenda Item 8  
Action Item

*Food Service Bids*

Mrs. Gilley was present and informed the Board that one vendor had submitted a bid and provided them with said bid. A motion was made by Mrs. Monbrum, seconded by Mr. Parker to accept the food service bid as presented. Roll call:

|               |     |
|---------------|-----|
| Mr. Brazinski | Aye |
| Mrs. Bingel   | Aye |
| Mrs. Monbrum  | Aye |
| Mr. Parker    | Aye |
| Mrs. Place    | Aye |

Aye – 5 Nay – 0 Absent – 2 Motion carried.

*Closed Minutes Recommendation*

Mrs. Bingel and Mrs. Monbrum had completed a partial review of the executive session minutes and submitted a list of those minutes which they felt could be removed from the closed session file. A motion was made by Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Brazinski to accept the recommendation of the closed minutes review committee and remove the list of minutes as presented and place them in the open file. Roll call:

|               |     |
|---------------|-----|
| Mr. Brazinski | Aye |
| Mrs. Bingel   | Aye |
| Mrs. Monbrum  | Aye |
| Mr. Parker    | Aye |
| Mrs. Place    | Aye |

Aye – 5 Nay – 0 Absent – 2 Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Brazinski to allow the review committee to continue their review of the closed session minutes and make their final recommendations at the March meeting. Roll call:

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|---------------|-----|
| Mr. Brazinski | Aye |
| Mrs. Bingel   | Aye |
| Mrs. Monbrum  | Aye |
| Mr. Parker    | Aye |
| Mrs. Place    | Aye |

Aye – 5 Nay – 0 Absent – 2 Motion carried.

*Study Hall*

Mr. Cogdill met with high school teachers and presented the idea that all study halls be eliminated in the FY10 school year. There would be seven classes of equal time during the day. The last 30 minutes of the day could

be utilized in a variety of ways, including an ACT prep period for Juniors and Seniors, organizational meeting days, activities and reward days. Pros and cons were exchanged. A motion was made by Mrs. Place, seconded by Mr. Brazinski to approve the recommendation to investigate and restructure the high school class schedules without study halls for the FY10 school year. Aye – 5 Nay – 0 Absent – 2 Motion carried.

*Co-operative Classes*

Mrs. Patricia Knop was in attendance to inform members of the aspects of the cooperative education program. It would be necessary for students to be enrolled in the class which would include Resource Management. They may be employed in a vocational area which they think they may be employed later. Time worked would be scheduled around their classes, and they would be paid minimum wage for their labors. A motion was made by Mrs. Monbrum, seconded by Mr. Parker to approve the Co-operative Education Class for FY10. Aye – 5 Nay – 0 Absent – 2 Motion carried.

*Class Size Projection*

Mr. Deets provided the projected class sizes for the FY10 school year at the elementary. Currently there would be two sections of each grade, with the exception of Kindergarten and First grades. These are projected in three sections. Concern regarding class size was discussed. The cost of relocating rooms to accommodate larger classes will be investigated further with figures and recommendations to be brought to the April board meeting.

*District Round Table Mtg.*

The next District Round Table Meeting is scheduled for March 9<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 P.M. Those members to attend will be Mrs. Place, Mrs. Bingel, and Mrs. Dickey.

*Community Academic Information*

Upon further investigation, Mr. Cogdill has been informed that the current software company is able to securely provide all back-ups for the software and portals, enabling parents' access to their student's grades. Funds from either the REAP Grant or ADA Block Grant would provide the funding. A motion was made by Mr. Parker, seconded

by Mr. Brazinski to contract Specialized Data Systems to host and provide portals of the district webpage, beginning in the fall of FY10. Roll call:

Mr. Brazinski Aye  
Mrs. Bingel Aye  
Mrs. Monbrum Aye  
Mr. Parker Aye  
Mrs. Place Aye

Aye – 5 Nay – 0 Absent – 2 Motion carried.

*C'ville/Marissa Joint Meeting*

Mr. Cogdill will contact the Coulterville administrators to schedule a joint meeting of the school boards. The selected tentative date is March 31<sup>st</sup>.

*Counseling Request*

Mr. Art Peasall is in the process of obtaining his Doctorate in Counseling and has submitted a written request to allow him to counsel students at Marissa Dist. 40 as a part of his class work. This would be done under the supervision of Mr. Lehman and Mrs. Birch. A motion was made by Mr. Brazinski, seconded by Mr. Parker to allow Mr. Peasall to counsel students for the District. Roll call:

Mr. Brazinski Aye  
Mrs. Bingel Aye  
Mrs. Monbrum Aye  
Mr. Parker Aye  
Mrs. Place Aye

Aye – 5 Nay – 0 Absent – 2 Motion carried.

**No. 7419  
Agenda Item 9  
Board Reports**

None

**No. 7420  
Agenda Item 10  
Administrator Reports**

*Mr. Deets*

The elementary building classroom doors and custodian closets have been rekeyed and keys distributed. He asked that a replacement fee of \$20 or \$25 be approved by the Board in the event that a key is lost by a faculty member. The question was raised regarding the safety issue of the need to lock the doors from the outside if an emergency would occur. This will be researched further. A Vulnerability Assessment will be performed by the Regional Office at some time in the future. Kindergarten registration is scheduled for March 20<sup>th</sup>, and Pre-K registration will be April 3<sup>rd</sup>. ISAT week is March 3-6.

*Mr. Lehman*

The Student Council is hosting a dance for Jr. High students, including sixth graders on February 27<sup>th</sup>. National Honor Society induction ceremony will be February 19<sup>th</sup>. Marissa is hosting the regional Scholar Bowl on March 10<sup>th</sup>. ISAT testing will be the week of March 4<sup>th</sup>. Math Team regionals will be held February 21<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Lehman was congratulated on the successful season of the high school girl's basketball team which he coaches.

*Mr. Cogdill*

The 15-passenger van was purchased by Riess Ford for \$2500.00. The school's asbestos company let bids for the removal of asbestos tile in the high school weight room. Removal is scheduled to begin the last week of February. March 19<sup>th</sup>, Mary Kane will be present to speak to area boards regarding PTELL. The meeting will take place at the Jr./Sr. High at 7:00 P.M. Mr. Cogdill has posted comments on the State Board of Ed site in reference to the district's financial report.

**No. 7421**

At 9:45 P.M. a motion was made by Mr. Brazinski, seconded by Mr. Parker 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:

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|---------------|-----|
| Mr. Brazinski | Aye |
| Mrs. Bingel   | Aye |
| Mrs. Monbrum  | Aye |
| Mr. Parker    | Aye |
| Mrs. Place    | Aye |

Aye – 5 Nay – 0 Absent – 2 Motion carried.

**No. 7422  
Agenda Item 13  
Action on Item 12**

At 11:15 P.M. a motion was made by Mrs. Place, seconded by Mr. Parker to come out of executive session. Roll call:

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|---------------|-----|
| Mr. Brazinski | Aye |
| Mrs. Bingel   | Aye |
| Mrs. Monbrum  | Aye |
| Mr. Parker    | Aye |

Mrs. Place Aye  
Aye – 5 Nay – 0 Absent – 2 Motion carried.

*Part-time Personal Aide*

A motion was made by Mrs. Monbrum, seconded by Mr. Brazinski to hire Jennifer Stephens as a part-time personal care aide.

Roll call:

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|---------------|-----|
| Mr. Brazinski | Aye |
| Mrs. Bingel   | Aye |
| Mrs. Monbrum  | Aye |
| Mr. Parker    | Aye |
| Mrs. Place    | Aye |

Aye – 5 Nay – 0 Absent – 2 Motion carried.

At 11:17 P.M., a motion was made by Mr. Parker, seconded by Mrs. Place to adjourn the meeting.

Aye – 5 Nay – 0 Absent – 2 Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Cheryl Harriman, Recording Secretary

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Mary Thomas-Rehmer, President

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Connie Dickey, Secretary