



MARSHALL PUBLIC SCHOOLS

A Rich Tradition of Excellence

Board of Education Annual Organizational Meeting and Work Session

Monday, January 13, 2020 – 7:00 p.m.
Marshall Middle School Community Room

Marshall Public Schools is a partnership of school employees, parents, community members and students working together to develop life-long learners who have the knowledge, skills, abilities and habits necessary to succeed in the larger world.

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 agenda item Public Comments.

1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

- A. Board of Education President, Bill DeSmet, will call the combined annual organizational meeting/work session of the Board of Education to order.
- B. Secretary to the Board of Education, Kimberly VanWormer, will call the roll.
 - Bill DeSmet, President
 - Carrie Nicholson, Vice-President
 - Lisa Middleton, Secretary
 - Larry Williams, Treasurer
 - Brent Dawson, Trustee
 - Shawna Gamble, Trustee
 - Richard Lindsey Jr., Trustee
- C. Moment of Silence
- D. Pledge of Allegiance

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by _____, supported by _____ that the agenda be approved.

Roll Call Vote: Yeas Nays

3. MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE MAY ADDRESS THE BOARD ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

4. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS – ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR JANUARY 2020 – DECEMBER 2020

BACKGROUND

President DeSmet assembled a Nominating Committee of the Marshall Board of Education at the December 16, 2019 Combined Work/Business Session. The committee included Secretary Middleton, Treasurer Williams and Trustee Dawson; Secretary Middleton served as Chair. The committee developed the following recommendations for board officer assignments for January 2020-December 2020 are as follows: President – Bill DeSmet; Vice President – Carrie Nicholson; Secretary – Lisa Middleton; Treasurer – Larry Williams.

RECOMMENDATION

It is the recommendation of the Board President that officers of the Marshall Board of Education be elected as presented.

Moved by _____, supported by _____ that the Marshall Board of Education approve the election of officers for the January 2020 – December 2020 school year as recommended by the Board President.

Roll Call Vote: Yeas Nays

5. ELECTED PRESIDENT ASSUMES CHAIR

6. BOARD TOPICS

- A. CASBMA 2019 Award Nominations (*nominations will require Board approval before 2/7/20*)
- B. Facility Needs Assessment Update
 - Debt Equalization Millage
- C. MYCA Commencement Cycle 41

7. ACTION ITEMS – ANNUAL ORGANIZATION ♦ FEBRUARY 2020 – JANUARY 2021

- A. Set work and business sessions for the Marshall Board of Education for February 2020 – January 2021
- B. Designate as banks of depositories:

Institution	Institution
Bank of America Merrill Lynch	Hastings City Bank
Chemical Bank	Marshall Community Credit Union
Flagstar Bank	Southern Michigan Bank & Trust

- C. Designate as brokers Chemical Bank, MBIA Municipal Investors Service Corporation, Baker Tilly, Bank of America, Southern Michigan Bank & Trust and Marshall Community Credit Union.
- D. Designate as law firms Thrun Law Firm, P.C. and Schroeder DeGraw PLC.
- E. Appoint _____ as delegate and _____ as alternate delegate to the Calhoun Area School Board Members Association Board of Directors to represent Marshall Public Schools.
- F. Designate the Electronic Transfer Officer (ETO) in accordance with Board Policy 6144.

BACKGROUND

- A. The Marshall Board of Education has established a routine for the regular sessions of the Board each month at 7:00 p.m., in the Middle School Community Room. The first meeting of the month is a work session followed by a business session at the second meeting. The Superintendent or designee posts special meeting notices. A proposed meeting schedule would continue the current arrangement with the Board meeting the second and fourth Mondays of the month with April, July, November and December sessions being combined; and both May meetings being moved up a week due to the Memorial Day Holiday.
- B. Bank of America Merrill Lynch, Chemical Bank, Flagstar Bank, Hastings City Bank, Marshall Community Credit Union and Southern Michigan Bank & Trust have been established as banks of depositories by the Marshall Board of Education in the past. Continuance of this practice would provide consistency in depositories for the 2020 calendar year.
- C. Chemical Bank, MBIA Municipal Investors Service Corporation, Baker Tilly, Bank of America, Southern Michigan Bank & Trust and Marshall Community Credit Union have been the established brokers for Marshall Public Schools. Their reputation and work is highly respected and returns have been as expected with these brokers therefore they are being recommended for the 2020 calendar year.
- D. Thrun Law Firm, P.C., expert attorneys in education issues, and the firm of Schroeder DeGraw PLC, locally represented, have been the district’s designated law firms for several years. Continuance of this practice would provide consistency in legal representation for the 2020 calendar year.
- E. The Constitution of the Calhoun Area School Board Members Association (CASBMA) states under Article V, Section 4 that “each board of the Association shall appoint annually one of its members to the CASBMA Board of Directors and an alternate to serve in the absence of the member.” This year the names of _____ and _____ are being recommended as delegate and alternate, respectively for the 2020 calendar year.
- F. In accordance with board policy the Board shall, at the organizational meeting, designate the Electronic Transfer Officer (ETO) in accordance with Policy 6144. The Board designates Becky Jones as the district’s ETO to complete such transactions on behalf of the Board.

RECOMMENDATION

It is the recommendation of the Superintendent that ACTION ITEMS – ANNUAL ORGANIZATION be approved as presented.

Moved _____, supported _____ that ACTION ITEMS – ANNUAL ORGANIZATION be approved.

Roll Call Vote: Yeas Nays

8. ACTION ITEMS – FINANCIAL

- A. Partial Funding Grants for the Installation of Room Air Conditioning

BACKGROUND

- A. Marshall Public Schools (MPS) has been awarded two grants totaling \$500,000 to partially fund MPS buildings that completely lack classroom air conditioning. The grants require the district to commit funding toward the projects. The Board must now consider accepting the donor-advised funds totaling \$500,00 that require the district to commitment financially toward the projects.

RECOMMENDATION

It is the recommendation of the Superintendent that ACTION ITEM A– FINANCIAL be approved as presented.

Moved _____, supported _____ that ACTION ITEM A– FINANCIAL be approved as presented.

Roll Call Vote: Yeas Nays

B. Approve the purchase of new Chromebooks

BACKGROUND

B. The district applied for, and was awarded, funding for 80 Chromebooks through the 35a Additional Instructional Time Grant. These Chromebooks will be equally shared amongst the four elementary buildings. Three quotes were solicited from vendors for this purchase. The quote from Trinity3 was selected as the best option for the district as it included 4 year ADP (Accidental Drop Protection) coverage for every Chromebook. The total purchase cost is: \$21,520.00. The board is being asked to approve the use of these grants dollars for this initiative.

RECOMMENDATION

It is the recommendation of the Superintendent that ACTION ITEM B– FINANCIAL be approved as presented.

Moved _____, supported _____ that ACTION ITEM B– FINANCIAL be approved as presented.

Roll Call Vote: Yeas Nays

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS

*Individuals who wish to address the Board of Education are requested to complete a **Public Participation at Board of Education Meetings** form and provide it to the recording secretary for the Board of Education prior to taking the floor. Each person will be allowed up to three minutes to address the Board.*

10. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS FOR WHICH NO ACTION MAY BE TAKEN AT THIS MEETING

11. EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION

Moved by _____, supported by _____ that the Marshall Board of Education move into executive closed session –under Section 8 (h) of the Open Meetings Act to consider material exempt from discussion or disclosure by state or federal statute.

Roll-Call Vote: Yeas Nays

12. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

13. EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION

Moved by _____, supported by _____ that the Marshall Board of Education move into executive closed session – student discipline hearing under Section 8 (b) of the Open Meetings Act in regard to disciplining of a student.

Roll-Call Vote: Yeas Nays

14. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

15. ACTION ITEM – STUDENT DISCIPLINE – STUDENT 9

Superintendent Davis, the hearing officer, took notes during the Board’s deliberations and has a proposed resolution for the Board’s consideration.

Moved by _____, supported by _____ that the Marshall Board of Education adopt the resolution as read.

Roll-Call Vote: Yeas Nays

16. EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION

Moved by _____, supported by _____ that the Marshall Board of Education move into executive closed session – student discipline hearing under Section 8 (b) of the Open Meetings Act in regard to disciplining of a student.

Roll-Call Vote: Yeas Nays

17. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

18. ACTION ITEM – STUDENT DISCIPLINE – STUDENT 10

Superintendent Davis, the hearing officer, took notes during the Board’s deliberations and has a proposed resolution for the Board’s consideration.

Moved by _____, supported by _____ that the Marshall Board of Education adopt the resolution as read.

Roll-Call Vote: Yeas Nays

19. EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION

Moved by _____, supported by _____ that the Marshall Board of Education move into executive closed session – student discipline hearing under Section 8 (b) of the Open Meetings Act in regard to disciplining of a student.

Roll-Call Vote: Yeas Nays

20. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

21. ACTION ITEM – STUDENT DISCIPLINE – STUDENT 7

Superintendent Davis, the hearing officer, took notes during the Board’s deliberations and has a proposed resolution for the Board’s consideration.

Moved by _____, supported by _____ that the Marshall Board of Education adopt the resolution as read.

Roll-Call Vote: Yeas Nays

22. EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION

Moved by _____, supported by _____ that the Marshall Board of Education move into executive closed session – student discipline hearing under Section 8 (b) of the Open Meetings Act in regard to disciplining of a student.

Roll-Call Vote: Yeas Nays

23. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

24. ACTION ITEM – STUDENT DISCIPLINE – STUDENT 8

Superintendent Davis, the hearing officer, took notes during the Board’s deliberations and has a proposed resolution for the Board’s consideration.

Moved by _____, supported by _____ that the Marshall Board of Education adopt the resolution as read.

Roll-Call Vote: Yeas Nay

25. EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION

Moved by _____, supported by _____ that the Marshall Board of Education move into executive closed session – student discipline hearing under Section 8 (b) of the Open Meetings Act in regard to disciplining of a student.

Roll-Call Vote: Yeas Nays

26. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

27. ACTION ITEM – STUDENT DISCIPLINE – STUDENT 6

Superintendent Davis, the hearing officer, took notes during the Board's deliberations and has a proposed resolution for the Board's consideration.

Moved by _____, supported by _____ that the Marshall Board of Education adopt the resolution as read.

Roll-Call Vote: Yeas Nay

28. ADJOURNMENT