

MARION CITY SCHOOLS

March 6, 2018

74. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance.

The work session of the Marion City Schools was called to order at 4:50 p.m. at Grant Middle School by President Mr. Ted McKinniss. All those present gave the pledge.

Roll Call

Mr. Iams, Mr. McCreary, Mrs. Schneider and Mr. McKinniss

75. Other Authorizations, Resolutions, Etc.

A) Mr. Iams motioned, seconded by Mrs. Schneider to approve a resolution opposing HB 512 as follows:

WHEREAS, the Ohio House of Representatives is currently considering legislation that would consolidate the Ohio Department of Education, the Ohio Department of Higher Education and the Governor's Office of Workforce Transformation into a new state agency called the Department of Learning and Achievement; and

WHEREAS, the proposal transfers nearly all the duties and authority of the State Board of Education and the superintendent of public instruction to the new state agency; and

WHEREAS, this proposal was drafted without the input of students, parents, educators, administrators, schools, school districts, superintendents and board members, all of whom would be negatively affected by the bill; and

WHEREAS, this legislation creates an environment in which the unique needs of students, educators, parents and school districts will be lost within an expanded bureaucracy, and the role and authority of the elected members of the State Board of Education would be undermined by stripping the board of nearly all its duties; and

WHEREAS, supporters of the bill cite a lack of communication among state education agencies as the key source of Ohio's education problems, but effective collaboration and cooperation is already occurring, and each school district strives to effectively prepare its students for college or a career;

WHEREAS, important decisions on topics like school funding, graduation requirements, report cards and state assessments would be made by politically appointed, unelected staff with little to no accountability and under a process with almost no public input; and

WHEREAS, public education is at its best when the interests of the people are served through publicly elected boards, and the State Board of Education is no exception; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT, AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Marion City Board of Education does express its opposition to this legislation, HB 512; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the treasurer be directed to spread this resolution upon the minutes of the board of education and that copies of the resolution be forwarded to members of the Ohio House of Representatives and the Ohio Senate.

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B) Mr. McCreary moved, seconded by Mr. Iams to go into Executive Session for the purpose of :

1. In accordance with ORC 121.22G1 – The appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of a public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual.

Roll Call

Ayes: Mr. McCreary, Mr. Iams, Mr. McKinniss, and Mrs. Schneider

Noes: None

Vote: 4-0

Attendees: All board members, Mr. Fujii, Mrs. Lawson and Mrs. Reinhart

The Board adjourned to executive session at 4:55 p.m.

The Board returned from executive session 8:17 p.m.

The Board held discussions on final candidates.

76. Adjournment

Being no further business, Mr. Iams moved, seconded by Mrs. Schneider to adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call

Ayes: Mr. Iams, Mrs. Schneider, Mr. McCreary, and Mr. McKinniss

Noes: None

Vote: 4-0

77. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

PRESIDENT

TREASURER