



Marine Area Community School • MN District #4254
Board of Directors Special Meeting
14189 Ostlund Trail North, Marine on St. Croix, MN 55047
February 26, 2018

Special Board Meeting Minutes – Draft for review

Mission

Marine Area Community School will utilize the natural resources, history, arts, and civic stewardship of the community as a foundation for the study of language arts, mathematics, science, social studies, physical education, art, and other curriculum subjects. The place-based learning environment will be student-centered, designed by teachers, and reinforced and supported by the local community.

1.0 Call to Order

1.1 **Roll Call:** Lisa White, Glen Mills, Jon Dettmann, Jackie Henschen (Not present: Lisa Dochniak, Kristina Smitten)

2.0 New Business

2.1 **Transportation:** Discussion and recommendation by the board to the school administrator regarding student transportation for the 2018/19 school year. By accepting busing from Stillwater School District 834, River Grove will realize a cost savings of approximately \$150,000, but 834 will have all control over start and end times. Currently, 834 expects that students will be dropped off at 9:55am and picked up at 4:30pm. Additionally, in the morning, all students living north of Dellwood Avenue will be picked up at their homes, but students living south of Dellwood will take a bus to St. Croix Preparatory Academy first, before taking a shuttle to River Grove. If River Grove provides its own transportation, we can choose our own start and end times. Member Dettmann affirmed that declining District 834 busing comes at a significant cost to River Grove, but he does trust that the community and families of the school will support the school through financial contributions and volunteerism. School Administrator Goodson clarified that there could be flexibility within a new contract between the bus company and River Grove to add or drop a bus(es) if we find that our needs change. Motion by Member Mills, second by Member Henschen to recommend that the school administrator decline District 834 busing and provide our own busing for the 2018/2019 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

3.0 **Next Board of Directors Meeting:** Saturday, March 10 at 8:30 am

4.0 **Adjournment**

