

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
MARTINS FERRY CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR MEETING

HELD: TUESDAY

3:30 PM

September 8, 2026

The Martins Ferry Board of Education met in regular session in the Martins Ferry City School District Administrative Building Board Room with the following members present: Mr. Probst, Dr. Marangoni, Ms. Smay and Ms. Kapiskosky. Also, present were Mr. Mamone, Superintendent, and Mrs. Skulich, Treasurer. Mr. Stankovich was not present at the meeting.

COMMENTS BY VISITORS

None

PRESENTATION BY SPEAKERS

Sue Ferrelli – Director of Curriculum and Federal Programs

Ms. Ferrelli presented the Board with an update on curriculum matters throughout the district. The following updates were provided:

- **Tom Fry – Dynamix:** Mr. Fry has begun working with District staff and has provided pacing guides.
- **Hannah Groh – ECO ESC:** Ms. Groh is working with teachers two days per week to assist with implementing the information and strategies provided by Tom Fry of Dynamix.
- **RIMPs (Reading Improvement Monitoring Plans):** RIMPs are being implemented and monitored for students who qualify.
- **SST 12 (State Support Team 12):** Representatives have been meeting frequently with staff in the district buildings.
- **High-Dosage Tutoring:** High-dosage tutoring is being implemented using the University of Florida Literacy Institute's free program.
- **Math Acceleration:** Math acceleration will begin July 1, 2027.
- **ELA Standards:** New English Language Arts standards are scheduled to be implemented for the 2027–2028 school year.

Paul Matuska – Chy-Phy Director

Mr. Probst first addressed concerns regarding the length of the annual Chy-Phy trip, explaining that parents and athletic groups had expressed concerns about the amount of time students are away.

Mr. Matuska then explained the academic components of each portion of the Chy-Phy trip and reviewed the tentative itinerary, which includes the following:

- An airboat ride on the St. Johns River, during which marine biologists provide educational information throughout the experience.
- Disney and Universal Studios, including educational programs in physics at Disney and an educational program at Universal Studios.
- Sea Camp.
- An aquarium encounter experience.
- Swimming with dolphins.
- Volunteer work at Biscayne Bay.

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Mr. Matuska emphasized the educational importance of the trip and the valuable experiences it provides students, which he stated are important to their future. The Board and Mr. Matuska also discussed additional trip matters, including the average cost, the number of students who typically attend, chaperones, and considerations related to students involved in athletics.

RESOLUTION #1-126-26 MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Probst and seconded by Dr. Marangoni to approve the minutes of the August 24, 2026, Regular Meeting as presented.

Ayes: Marangoni, Probst, Smay, Kapiskosky (4)

Noes: None (0)

Motion carried

**RESOLUTION #1-127-26 TREASURER'S REPORT/BILLS/TRANSFERS/FY27
PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS**

A motion was made by Mr. Probst and seconded by Ms. Smay to approve the financial report, bills, transfers, and FY27 permanent appropriations as presented.

Transfers:

<i>From:</i>	<i>To:</i>	<i>Amount:</i>
Title I (572-9026)	Schoolwide Pool (598-9026)	\$39,923.01
Title IIA (590-9026)	Schoolwide Pool (598-9026)	\$ 4,398.06
Title IVA (584-9026)	Schoolwide Pool (598-9026)	\$ 3,183.02
General Fund (001)	Schoolwide Pool (598-9026)	\$159,688.84

Ayes: Marangoni, Probst, Smay, Kapiskosky (4)

Noes: None (0)

Motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

Mr. Joe Mamone provided a recap of recent staff and administrator communications and an update on the tentative district report card results, which are scheduled to be finalized on September 15, 2026. The district is currently projected to receive a 3-star rating, an increase from the prior year's 2.5-star rating.

Mr. Mamone also provided updates on the levy, the district's school bus needs, discussions with the Bradley Payne Group regarding available dates for a presentation, and the OSU Dental Lab for the 2026–2027 school year.

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RESOLUTION #1-128-26 CERTIFIED PERSONNEL RESIGNATIONS

Mr. Probst made a motion, and it was seconded by Ms. Smay to approve the following certified personnel resignations:

Julia Wayne	High School Band Teacher	Effective End of 2026-2027 school year
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Ayes: Marangoni, Probst, Smay, Kapiskosky (4)

Noes: None (0)

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #1-129-26 NON-CERTIFIED PERSONNEL EMPLOYMENT

Ms. Smay made a motion, and it was seconded by Dr. Marangoni to approve the following non-certified personnel employment:

Ty Justice	Transportation Supervisor	Effective October 5, 2026
Darlene Wilson	Assistant Cook	Effective September 1, 2026
Paul White	Volunteer Jr. High Football Coach	Effective Immediately
Rebecca Norris	Substitute Cafeteria Worker	Pending Background Check
Rebecca Norris	Substitute Secretary	Pending Test & Background Check
Rebecca Norris	Substitute Educational Aide	Pending Certification & Background Check

Ayes: Marangoni, Probst, Smay, Kapiskosky (4)

Noes: None (0)

Motion carried.

RECOMMENDATIONS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION #1-130-26 UFLI FOUNDATIONS AS BOARD APPROVED CURRICULUM

Dr. Marangoni made a motion, and it was seconded by Ms. Smay to approve UFLI Foundations as a board approved curriculum.

Ayes: Marangoni, Probst, Smay, Kapiskosky (4)

Noes: None (0)

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RESOLUTION #1-131-26 CHY-PHY MARINE BIOLOGY TRIP

Ms. Smay made a motion, and it was seconded by Dr. Marangoni to approve the Chy-Phy Marine Biology trip for March 5, 2027, through March 17, 2027.

Ayes: Probst, Smay, Kapiskosky, Marangoni (4)

Noes: None (0)

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #1-132-26 VOLLEYBALL TEAM USE OF SCHOOL PROPERTY

Ms. Smay made a motion, and it was seconded by Ms. Kapiskosky to approve the volleyball team to use school property for a volleyball tournament on April 10 & 11, 2027.

Ayes: Probst, Smay, Kapiskosky, Marangoni (4)

Noes: None (0)

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #1-133-26 MDL NO. 2047 RESOLUTION

Dr. Marangoni made a motion, and it was seconded by Ms. Smay to approve a resolution authorizing the district to participate in MDL No. 2047 class action lawsuit as presented.

Ayes: Probst, Smay, Kapiskosky, Marangoni (4)

Noes: None (0)

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #1-134-26 PROJECT FORWARD DONATION

Ms. Smay made a motion, and it was seconded by Ms. Kapiskosky to approve a donation in the amount of \$450 from Project Forward for the Martins Ferry Chy-Phy Club.

Ayes: Probst, Smay, Kapiskosky, Marangoni (4)

Noes: None (0)

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #1-135-26 LAMAR ADVERTISING DONATION

Ms. Smay made a motion, and it was seconded by Dr. Marangoni to approve a donation in the amount of \$250 from Lamar Advertising for the Martins Ferry Golf Team.

Ayes: Probst, Smay, Kapiskosky, Marangoni (4)

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Noes: None (0)
Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #1-136-26 WVU MEDICINE DONATION

Ms. Smay made a motion, and it was seconded by Ms. Kapiskosky to approve a donation in the amount of \$500 from WVU Medicine for the Martins Ferry Volleyball Team.

Ayes: Probst, Smay, Kapiskosky, Marangoni (4)
Noes: None (0)
Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #1-137-26 TACTICAL BY YOUNG CONTRACT

Dr. Marangoni made a motion, and it was seconded by Ms. Smay to approve a Training Services Agreement with Tactical by Young effective September 9, 2026.

Ayes: Probst, Smay, Kapiskosky, Marangoni (4)
Noes: None (0)
Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance

Dr. Marangoni raised the topic of occupational therapy (OT) services provided through the ECO ESC. Ms. Skulich reported that Special Education Director Bethany Lucas was gathering information from other OT providers to provide a cost analysis comparing the available providers.

Curriculum

Dr. Marangoni reported that the first Wheeling University tutoring session was scheduled for Thursday, September 10, 2026.

Strategic Planning

Mr. Joe Mamone stated that he would follow up with Dan Schaal of the Bradley Payne Group to schedule a presentation for Tuesday, September 15, 2026.

Safety

Ms. Smay contacted the Ohio EPA regarding air quality sensors and learned that obtaining them would involve a cost. Mr. Probst noted that the fire department has air quality sensors.

RESOLUTION #1-138-26 EXECUTIVE SESSION

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A motion was made by Mr. Probst and seconded by Ms. Smay to enter executive session at 5:14 P.M. for the purposes of preparing for, conducting, or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment.

Ayes: Marangoni, Probst, Smay, Kapiskosky (4)

Noes: None (0)

Motion carried

The meeting was reconvened at 5:31 P.M. with the following members answering roll call:

Dr. Marangoni, Ms. Smay, Mr. Probst, Ms. Kapiskosky

OTHER:

Mr. Chuck Probst stated that he felt it was important for the two Board members serving on the levy planning committee to remain consistent throughout the campaign process. Mr. Probst and Ms. Smay will represent the Board at the committee meetings.

RESOLUTION #1-139-26 EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Mr. Probst and seconded by Ms. Smay to enter executive session at 5:40 P.M. with respect to a public employee or official's employment.

Ayes: Probst, Smay, Kapiskosky, Marangoni (4)

Noes: None (0)

Motion carried

The meeting was reconvened at 5:50 P.M. with the following members answering roll call:

Dr. Marangoni, Ms. Smay, Mr. Probst, Ms. Kapiskosky

RESOLUTION #1-140-26 EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Mr. Probst and seconded by Ms. Smay to enter executive session at 5:51 P.M. to consider the purchase of property for public purposes, or for the sale of property at competitive bidding, if premature disclosure of information would give an unfair competitive or bargaining advantage to a person whose personal, private interest is adverse to the public interest.

Ayes: Probst, Smay, Kapiskosky, Marangoni (4)

Noes: None (0)

Motion carried

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The meeting was reconvened at 6:00 P.M. with the following members answering roll call:

Dr. Marangoni, Ms. Smay, Mr. Probst, Ms. Kapiskosky

RESOLUTION #1-141-26 ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Probst and seconded by Ms. Kapiskosky to adjourn the meeting at 6:01 P.M.

Ayes: Marangoni, Probst, Smay, Kapiskosky

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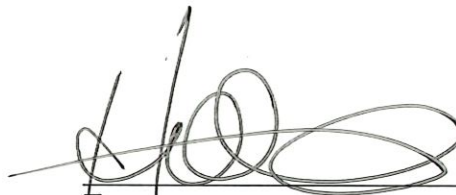
Noes: None

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Motion carried.



Board President



Treasurer