



# Goodbye to



# MARLINGTON'S FUTURE!!!

Since January 2020, the dismantling of the Marlinton School District has begun:

1. At the Organizational Meeting Jan. 13, resolutions passed by the **Board majority strip the Superintendent and Treasurer of their responsibilities to manage and operate the district**, thus giving the reins of the district to board members who show up twice a month for meetings.
2. Board majority passes resolution reopening Marlboro School causing **\$500,000 in staffing cost** to the district. No recommendation sought from Treasurer or Superintendent, nor was cost a factor considered by the board majority. **Resolution does NOT take into consideration cost for repairs**, reestablishing mandatory Ohio Dept of Education IRN (information resource number) status, upgrades to the school kitchen mandated by health dept., cost of moving furniture, supplies, and material from other two elementary buildings.
3. Established a Project Manager position reporting directly to the board, thus usurping the superintendent's administrative responsibilities and violating his contract with the board. **New position will cost the district \$100,000 in salary and benefits** plus the legal cost of violating the superintendent's contract.
4. **Declined to permit Treasurer's report at the March 5 board meeting.** Member of board majority cited data was not in line with board majority's agenda. Wants numbers reworked. However, this Treasurer (and all previous treasurers) have been licensed and bonded by Ohio statute to report actual

district data and finances and the board. yet this Treasurer's financial report presentation was denied. Where is the board majority getting their data if not from the school Treasurer? Do they not trust the Treasurer? (a)

5. **Board majority rejected call for public open forum to hear the communities concerns for reopening Marlboro Elementary School** and the impact it will have on Washington, Lexington, the High School, and Middle School operations. (Board Minority felt compelled to allow this proceeding of an open forum in spite of rejection, to hear community input, as permitted by board policy. (a)
6. **Board majority hired a law firm without support of Board minority, Superintendent or Treasurer. This will potentially cost our district hundreds of thousands of dollars in extra legal fees. We currently utilize attorney services via the ESC for much of our operations, at no additional taxpayer expense.** This new law firm hired has a history of removing Superintendents. (b)
7. The superintendent has high marks and praise on his evaluations since his tenure began. **Board Majority wrongly accused Administration in the last public Meeting of disloyalty.** This puts a negative light on our superintendent who is a pillar of integrity, professionalism, dedication, and character.
8. **We are the Only District in the state of Ohio to attempt to reopen a closed school building.** This is affecting our IRN (Information Resource Number as generated by the State of Ohio Department of Education) and affects potential future funding.

**PROJECTED DEFICIT SPENDING FISCAL YEAR 2021 - \$1,253,570**  
**Year 2024 with reopening of Marlboro School,**  
**\$4.3 Million FUND BALANCE SHORTFALL!(a)**  
**Join us in moving Marlinton Forward and keeping our tradition of excellence!**



## CONTACT YOUR SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS TODAY

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The Ohio Dept of Education oversees the state public education system. Contact John Hagan, our State District Representative with your concerns.

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**Contact Ohio Ethics Commission: 1-614-466-7090**

**Contact Ohio Department of Education: (877) 644-6338**

## ATTEND A BOARD MEETING AND LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD! WINTER & SPRING BOARD MEETINGS:

March 19	Washington Elementary
April 2	Lexington Elementary
April 16	Lexington Elementary
May 7	Marlboro Elementary
May 21	Marlboro Elementary
June 4	High School
June 18	High School

(a) To see audio and video recording of the March 5 board meeting visit [marlingtonjournal.net](http://marlingtonjournal.net)

(b) Huron School Board, wrong to fire Fox, arbitrator says, [morningjournal](http://morningjournal.com), RICHARD PAYERCHIN March 12, 2013

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**Marlingtonlocal.org** (official district website)  
**BLOG: MarlingtonJournal.net | FACEBOOK: ForMarlingtonSchools**  
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