Meridian Community Board Minutes

Minutes of a Regular Board Meeting of April 14, 2011

Call to Order

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of Meridian Community Unit School District #223 was called to order by President Ron Steenken at 7:00 p.m. in the Meridian District Board of Education Room located in the Meridian Junior High. Members present: Glendenning, Jagielski, Larson, Mellon, Pierce, and Reeverts. Superintendent Prusator, District Administrator of Business/HR Porter, Principals Coulahan, Davidson, Mandzen and Zurko, Assistant Principals Showers and Voltz, and Activities Director Stewart were also present. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Recognition of SVHS Wrestling team for placing 2nd in IHSA team dual tournament

The School Board and Mr. Prusator publicly recognized the SVHS wrestling team for placing 2nd in the IHSA team dual tournament for achieving a high level of excellence and for their exceptional performance. Certificates were presented to the wrestlers in attendance. Pins for exemplary service to the school district were presented to the wrestling coaches. Board members congratulated the wrestlers and coaches.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Larson, seconded by Mellon, to approve the consent agenda including the minutes of the March 17, 2011 regular board meeting; March 26, 2011 special board meeting; March 30, 2011 special board meeting; payroll of April 15, 2011; 2011-2012 school calendar and IHSA membership renewal for Stillman Valley High School for 2011-2012. Ayes: Glendenning, Jagielski, Larson, Mellon, Pierce, Reeverts and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously.

Presentation of plaques to Tim Jagielski (10 years) and Barbara Reeverts (8 years) for dedicated service to Meridian CUSD #223 Board of Education

On behalf of the Board of Education, the community and the students, Mr. Steenken presented a plaque, lifetime activities pass, and an exemplary service pin to Barbara Reeverts for her 8 years of service on the Board of Education. Mr. Steenken presented a plaque to Tim Jagielski for his 10 years of service on the Board of Education. (Mr. Jagielski, who was filling a vacant position for 2 years, had been presented a lifetime activities pass and exemplary service pin after his 8 years on the Board.) Mrs. Reeverts and Mr. Jagielski said some parting words. Board members thanked them for their years of service and dedication.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Reeverts, seconded by Jagielski, to adjourn the meeting. Ayes: Jagielski, Larson, Mellon, Pierce, Reeverts, Glendenning and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Fruin, Secretary

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Swearing in and oath of newly-elected board members
Mr. Steenken led the swearing in and oath of office to Mr. Smith, Dr. Flynn, and Mr. Larson who will serve on the Board of Education for a four-year term ending in 2015.

Appoint president pro tempore – for election of officers
Mr. Steenken was appointed president pro tempore for the election of officers.

Call to Order
The organization meeting for the new Board of Education was called to order by president pro tempore Steenken on April 14, 2011 in the Meridian Board of Education Room located in the Meridian Junior High School. Members present: Flynn, Glendenning, Larson, Mellon, Pierce and Smith.

Elect President of the Board
Nominations were declared open for President of the Board. Mr. Larson nominated Mr. Glendenning. Mr. Pierce nominated Mr. Smith. Mr. Glendenning nominated Mr. Larson. Nominations were closed. Mr. Glendenning received 1 vote. Mr. Smith received 2 votes. Mr. Larson received 4 votes and was declared President.

Mr. Larson took his seat as President of the Board.

Elect Vice-President of the Board
Nominations were declared open for Vice-President of the Board. Mr. Pierce nominated Mr. Glendenning. Mr. Glendenning nominated Mr. Mellon. Dr. Flynn nominated Mr. Smith. Nominations were closed. Mr. Mellon received 1 vote. Mr. Smith received 2 votes. Mr. Glendenning received 3 votes and was declared Vice-President.

Secretary of the Board
There was discussion on whether to have a board member be secretary instead of a non-board member. Current policy states the secretary is a non-board member. A motion was made by Flynn, seconded by Steenken, to keep the secretary position as is. Ayes: Flynn, Glendenning, Larson, Pierce, Smith and Steenken. Nays: Mellon. Motion carried.

Confirm appointment of the Treasurer
A motion was made by Pierce, seconded by Steenken, to confirm the appointment of Jennifer Porter as treasurer for the district. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

Appoint Board representatives to various board committees
A motion was made by Flynn, seconded by Glendenning, to table the discussion on representatives to various board committees. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

Confirm dates/times/place of Board Meetings
Mr. Prusator reviewed the dates/times/place of board meetings for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Motion:
A motion was made by Mellon, seconded by Glendenning, to confirm the dates/times/place of board members for the remainder of the fiscal year. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent's Report

Title I monitoring report
Cheryl Metcalf, Julie Foss, Cindy Lewis, Adam Zurko and Mike Coulahan gave a power point presentation explaining the federally funded Title I Programming at Highland and Monroe Center and the Title I Budget.

PBIS monitoring report
Carolyn Timm, Kim Hiort, Jeff Voltz, and Allison Hickerson and Julie Foss gave a power point presentation on the Positive Behavior Intervention Supports (PBIS) being used at the District's four buildings and transportation department.

Preliminary report on the study of all day kindergarten
Mr. Prusator relayed that the possibility of expanding kindergarten from an extended day to a regular elementary day is being evaluated.

Interest Based Bargaining training scheduled for Friday, April 15 and Saturday, April 16 at Stillman Valley Fire Station
Mr. Prusator relayed that Interest Based Bargaining training was scheduled for April 15 and April 16 at the Stillman Valley Fire Station in preparation for contract negotiations.

Student Advisory Report
Kayla Acton gave the Student Advisory Report. The board policy committee needs to pick a date to meet with the Student Advisory Council.

Notices and Communications
Mr. Prusator received a letter from the State Board of Education stating the audit showed a perfect score in special education compliance report.

Community Input
Community input included a comment regarding the need for an additional reading specialist at Highland and a request for permission to talk to young motorcycle drivers.

Old Business
Begin work with Ray and Associates, Inc. for superintendent search
Steve Triplett from Ray and Associates, Inc. led the Board through the beginning process for the superintendent search. It was determined the deadline for applications will be June 7, 2011 and the position will be advertised with annual base salary of $150,000. The Board also decided to involve various parent, community and student groups in the process to determine the desired qualities for the next superintendent.

New Business
There was no New Business.

Board Comments
Board members expressed thanks to Mr. Steenken for all of his years serving as President of the Board.

Adjourn to Closed Session
A motion was made by Glendenning, seconded by Steenken, to adjourn to closed session to discuss the appointment, employment of specific employees of the District. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously. Time: 11:18 p.m.

Reconvene in Open Session
A motion was made by Flynn, seconded by Glendenning, to return to open session. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously. Time: 12:10 a.m.

Board Action from Closed Session

Approve minutes of the March 17, 2011 Executive Session and March 26, 2011 Executive Session
A motion was made by Steenken, seconded by Glendenning to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2011 and March 26, 2011 executive sessions. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion:
A motion was made by Pierce, seconded by Mellon, to approve the resolution of non-renewal for Andy Telander as the SVHS boys' basketball coach. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion on Personnel Report
A motion was made by Mellon, seconded by Smith, to approve the Personnel Report including the **employment** of Heather Gipson as the noon hour aide (Highland-replaces Anne Messer); Ann Boe as the Junior High Assistant Track Coach (position needed due to high number of

students); Tammy Pierson as an individual special education paraprofessional (SVHS-replaces Karen Marsh); the **resignations** of Jennifer Lichty, effective immediately as the High School Assistant Girls Basketball Coach; Renee Rudsinski, effective 4/9/11 as the lunch aide supervisor (MC); Brad Winterland, effective immediately as the High School Assistant Boys Basketball Coach; Brendan Johnson, effective immediately as the High School Assistant Track Coach; and Jen Hagemann, effective 4/8/11 as the lunch aide supervisor (MC); and the **leave** of Tracy Nason, on FMLA leave beginning April 5, for 6-8 weeks pending doctor's release (MC). Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion:
A motion was made by Mellon, seconded by Flynn, to approve an increase to the administrator compensation plan of 75% of the CPI retroactive to July 1, 2010. Ayes: Mellon and Flynn. Nays: Larson, Pierce, Smith, Steenken and Glendenning. Motion failed.

Motion:
A motion was made by Mellon, seconded by Flynn, to approve a 1.5% base salary increase for directors retroactive to July 1, 2010. Ayes: Mellon, Flynn, and Larson. Nays: Pierce, Smith and Steenken. Abstain: Glendenning. Motion failed.

A motion was made by Mellon, seconded by Pierce, to adjourn the meeting. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Fruin, Secretary