

## **Meridian Community Board Minutes**

### **Minutes of a Regular Board Meeting of April 28, 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 Bruce Larson at 7:00 p.m. in the Meridian District Board of Education Room located in the Meridian Junior High. Members present: Glendenning, Pierce, Smith and Steenken. Superintendent Prusator and District Administrator of Business/HR Porter were also present. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Dr. Flynn arrived after roll call.

#### **Recognition of Illinois State FFA Degree and IHSA 3-point finalist**

The School Board and Mr. Prusator publicly recognized the Illinois State FFA Degree recipients and IHSA 3-point finalist for achieving a high level of excellence and for their exceptional performance. Certificates were presented by President Larson. Pins for exemplary service to the school district were presented to Jay Williams, Tracey Sanderson and Heather Alderks. Board members congratulated the students.

#### **Approval of Agenda**

A motion was made by Pierce, seconded by Steenken, to remove item 10.3, All-day kindergarten proposal, from the agenda on the recommendation of the superintendent.

A motion was made by Glendenning, seconded by Smith, to remove item 5.4, Approve Title I Plan, from the consent agenda.

A motion was made by Steenken, seconded by Glendenning, to approve the agenda as modified. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **Consent Agenda**

A motion was made by Steenken, seconded by Glendenning, to approve the consent agenda minus item 5.4. The consent agenda includes the minutes of the April 14, 2011 board meeting; accounts payable for April per review by Mr. Glendenning; and the payroll of April 29, 2011. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **Item 5.4 Approve Title I Plan**

This item was removed from the consent agenda for further clarification.

### Motion:

A motion was made by Glendenning, seconded by Steenken, to approve the Title I Plan as presented. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

### Superintendent's Report

Jennifer Porter provided an update on the final EAV for the district and the impact on the tax levy extension. She also provided a 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter review of the budget.

### Student Advisory Report

Paxton Abbott and Kayla Acton gave the Student Advisory Report. The students were very excited to be able to participate in the Superintendent Search. The Board will meet with the Student Advisory Council on Tuesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> as part of the Policy Committee Meeting.

### Notices and Communications

There were no Notices and Communications.

### Community Input

Cindy Raimer commented that she was disappointed in the way invitations for the Superintendent Search meetings with Ray and Associates were handled. They went out way too late.

### Unfinished Business

#### Appoint representatives to School Board Committees

School Board Committee assignments are as follows:

- Delegate to IASB – Bob Mellon
- OCEC Governing Board – Steve Pierce
- Free/Reduced Lunch Program – Steve Pierce
- SVEA/Board Insurance Committee – Tim Flynn
- District Sick Leave Bank Committee – Steve Pierce
- Joint Library Committee – Ron Steenken, Bruce Larson, Steve Pierce
- Interest Based Problem Solving Committee – Ron Steenken, Bruce Larson, Kevin Glendenning, John Smith
- Board Policy Committee – John Smith, Kevin Glendenning, Bruce Larson
- Finance Committee – Ron Steenken, Bruce Larson, Bob Mellon
- Meridian Education Foundation – John Smith

#### Place on Display Meridian CUSD #223 Administrative Procedures

The Board placed on display the administrative procedures that had been developed following the adoption of the customized board policy manual. The Policy Committee and staff will review the administrative procedures.

### **New Business**

There was no New Business.

### **Board Comments**

Mr. Larson requested that the new Board members receive copies of Robert's Rules of Order.

### **Adjourn to Closed Session**

A motion was made by Steenken, seconded by Smith, to adjourn to closed session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, or dismissal of specific employees of the District; and collective negotiating matters between the District and its employees. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously. Time: 8:09 p.m.

Mr. Mellon arrived at 8:10 p.m.

### **Reconvene in Open Session**

A motion was made by Flynn, seconded by Pierce, to return to open session. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously. Time: 11:55 p.m.

### **Board Action from Closed Session**

#### **Approve the minutes of the April 14, 2011 Executive Session**

A motion was made by Mellon, seconded by Pierce, to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2011 executive session. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **Personnel Report**

A motion was made by Pierce, seconded by Steenken, to approve the Personnel Report including the honorable dismissal of part-time educational support personnel, Genny Wurster and honorable dismissal of full-time educational support personnel, Deborah Close, Karianne Phillips, and Julie Weber. Ayes: Mellon, Pierce, Smith, Steenken, Flynn, Glendenning and Larson. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Adjourn**

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Donna Fruin, Secretary