

Meridian Community Board Minutes

Minutes of a Regular Board Meeting of April 9, 2009

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: Bonne, Glendenning and Jagielski. Superintendent Prusator and Director of Business/HR Porter were also present. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Steenken, seconded by Bonne, to approve the consent agenda including the minutes of the March 19, 2009 regular board meeting; payroll of April 17, 2009; accounts payable for April 2009 in the amount of \$243,210.76 per review by Steenken; and SVHS membership to IHSA for 2009-2010. Ayes: Bonne, Glendenning, Jagielski and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent's Report

5.1 Review 2009 School Board Election Results and reminder for Organizational Meeting to be held at the regular April 23, 2009 meeting

Mr. Prusator reviewed that Kevin Glendenning, Bob Mellon, Steve Pierce and Ron Steenken were elected and will serve a four-year term. The Re-organizational Meeting will be held on April 23, 2009.

Mr. Steenken commented that Mr. Jagielski's work on the Board has been phenomenal. Mr. Steenken also thanked Mrs. Bonne for her 12 years of service and dedication as a member of the Board.

5.2 Byron Pre-annexation hearing held on April 8, 2009 for property in Meridian CUSD #223 School District

Mr. Prusator reviewed the Byron Pre-annexation hearing held on April 8, 2009. Mr. Glendenning also attended the meeting. Mr. Prusator spoke at the meeting reflecting the district's position and serious concerns about the implications of Byron annexing property in the Meridian School District.

Mr. Larson arrived at 7:14 p.m.

Notices and Communications

There were no Notices and Communications.

Community Input

There was no Community Input.

Old Business

8.1 Review Community Focus Group Session to be held on April 13, 2009

Mr. Prusator reviewed that this is the third Community Focus Group Session. As of tonight, there have been 43 community members who responded that they would be attending. The format for the Focus Group will be as in the past. The Board will be looking for feedback from community members on the following topics: transportation, discipline, scheduling, facilities, and safety/security.

Mrs. Reeverts arrived at 7:29 p.m.

8.2 Review/approve bid for drivers' education car

Ms. Porter reviewed that the Administration did not expect to bid for a new drivers' education car. One of the 2008 Pontiac G6's was involved in an accident and deemed a total loss. Ms. Porter explained the bid process. Ms. Porter recommends awarding the bid to Brian Bemis Auto Mall for a 2008 Pontiac G6 in the amount of \$17,470.30.

Motion:

A motion was made by Bonne, seconded by Jagielski, to award the bid for one new drivers' education car to Brian Bemis Auto Mall for a total purchase price of \$17,470.30. Ayes: Glendenning, Jagielski, Larson, Reeverts, Bonne, and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously.

8.3 Review 2009-2010 Fee Schedule

Mr. Prusator reviewed the Fee Schedule for 2009-2010. The current recommendation is to maintain the current fee schedule. Suggestions were made by board members to increase the parking sticker to \$5 and for student's to provide proof of insurance at the beginning of each semester. The final fee recommendation will be made at the April 23, 2009 board meeting.

New Business

There was no New Business.

Board Comments

Mr. Jagielski commented that the SVHS students who went on the French trip were superb representatives of this district and our country. Mr. Glendenning agreed and commented that Mrs. Lorbinenko is a great French teacher.

Adjourn to Closed Session

A motion was made by Larson, seconded by Reeverts, to adjourn to closed session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the district and the selection of a person to fill a public office, including a vacancy in public office, when the District is given power to appoint, under law or ordinance. Ayes:

Jagielski, Larson, Reeverts, Bonne, Glendenning and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously.
Time: 7:55 p.m.

Reconvene in Open Session

A motion was made by Bonne, seconded by Reeverts, to return to open session. Motion carried unanimously. Time: 9:35 p.m.

Board Action from Executive Session

Approve the minutes of the March 19, 2009 closed session

A motion was made by Reeverts, seconded by Jagielski, to approve the minutes of the March 19, 2009 executive session. Motion carried unanimously.

Personnel Report

A motion was made by Bonne, seconded by Glendenning, to approve the Personnel Report including the **medical leave** of Leta Woolbright, effective February 26, 2009 until approximately April 6, 2009 (Julia Hull-library aide) and **resignations** of Thomas Kowalewski, effective the end of the 2008-2009 school year (SVHS-business teacher); Bran-Dea Metzler, effective the end of the 2008-2009 school year (SVHS-English teacher); and Yolanda Torres, effective March 13, 2009 (SVHS-head cook). The Personnel Report also included for continued employment for tenured certified teachers; to move fourth year teachers to tenured status per list; to approve employment of third year teachers for fourth year probationary status for 2009-2010 per list; to approve employment of second year teachers for third year probationary status for 2009-2010 per list; to approve employment of first year teachers for second year probationary status for 2009-2010 per list; to approve employment of part-time (non-tenure track) teachers for 2009-2010 per list; and to adopt resolution for non-reemployment of four first-year probationary teachers, one second-year probationary teacher, and one third-year probationary teacher. Ayes: Bonne, Glendenning, Jagielski, Larson, Reeverts and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Larson, seconded by Bonne, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Fruin, Secretary