

Minutes of a Regular School Board Meeting of August 14, 2008

Call to Order and Roll Call

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 School. Members present: Bonne, Glendenning, Jagielski, King, Larson and Reeverts. Superintendent Prusator and Administrator Porter were also present. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Reeverts, seconded by Bonne, to approve the consent agenda including the minutes of the July 17, 2008 regular school board meeting; payroll of August 20, 2008; accounts payable for August in the amount of \$196,978.68 per review by Mrs. Reeverts; School Treasurer's Bond for 2008-2009; Property/Liability/Workers' Compensation insurance bid; and bread bid for 2008-2009. Ayes: Bonne, Glendenning, Jagielski, King, Larson, Reeverts and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Prusator reviewed the process for the ISBE Calendar Waiver Hearing scheduled for Wednesday, August 27, 2008. An ISBE waiver process must be completed to meet calendar requirements because the School Board considers the option of holding two evenings of parent-teacher conferences in lieu of a student attendance day. The waiver would be good for five years.

Mr. Prusator reviewed the August 14, 2008 Teachers' Institute program.

Notices and Communications

Mr. Prusator shared a thank you note from Mr. Jagielski for the plant sent by the Board for the passing of his mother. He also shared a letter from the Drum and Bugle Corp expressing thanks for the use of the high school facilities for a week during the summer.

Community Input

There was no Community Input.

Old Business

- 8.1 **Adopt policy modifications for Educational Support Staff Policy on Payment of Salary (placed on display on July 17, 2008)**

Mr. Prusator reviewed that the policy was reviewed and placed on display at the July 17, 2008 board meeting. He stated there were no questions or comments.

Motion:

A motion was made by Bonne, seconded by Reeverts, to approve the modifications to the Educational Support Staff Policy on payment of salary.

Ayes: Jagielski, King, Reeverts, Bonne and Steenken. Nays: Glendenning and Larson. Motion carried.

New Business

9.1 **Review draft of 2008-2009 District Improvement Plan**

Mr. Prusator reviewed the draft of the 2008-2009 District Improvement Plan. He reviewed the goals and objectives of the plan that would support the District's Long Range Vision.

9.2 **Review/place on display Fiscal Year 2009 Budget**

Mrs. Porter handed out and reviewed the FY09 Budget. Mr. Steenken suggested having a budget committee that would meet with Mrs. Porter and Mr. Prusator. Mr. Steenken, Mr. Glendenning and Mr. Jagielski volunteered to be on the committee. The budget will be placed on display and is scheduled for adoption at the September 24, 2008 meeting.

Board Comments

Under Board comments, Mr. King suggested better communication with parents regarding kindergarten changes due to enrollment increases. Mr. Larson shared information on several upcoming Steven Covey seminars. Mr. Jagielski commented on the Cardinal Summit at SVHS and inquired about adequate space in the buildings. Mr. Glendenning commented on improvements in remodeled areas at Stillman Valley High School.

Adjourn to Closed Session

A motion was made by King, seconded by Glendenning, to adjourn to closed session to discuss the appointment and employment of specific employees of the district and deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees. Ayes: Jagielski, King, Larson, Reeverts, Bonne, Glendenning and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously.

Time: 9:05 p.m.

Reconvene in Open Session

A motion was made by Bonne, seconded by Reeverts, to return to open session. Motion carried unanimously. Time: 11:25 p.m.

Board Action from Executive Session

Approve the minutes of the July 17, 2008 Executive Session

A motion was made by Jagielski, seconded by Reeverts, to approve the minutes of the July 17, 2008 executive session. Motion carried unanimously.

Approve the Personnel Report

A motion was made by King, seconded by Reeverts, to approve the personnel report excluding items 2.5 and 2.7. The personnel report includes the **employment** of Michelle McDevitt, 5th grade teacher for 2008-2009 (due to numbers); Marygrace Sinclair, elementary counselor for

2008-2009 (replacing S. Meehan); Joe Blume, Jr., assistant math team advisor for 2008-2009 (replaces D. Koenig); Phil Bratta, chess team advisor for 2008-2009 (replaces C. Conderman); Ben Hickerson, freshman boys basketball coach for 2008-2009 (replaces S. Stewart); Diane Koenig, math team advisor for 2008-2009 (replaces R. Gillespie); Kathy McCarty, WYSE advisor for 2008-2009 (replaces K. Mork); and Bob Mellon, freshman girls basketball coach for 2008-2009 (replaces J. Leskovisek). The personnel report includes the **resignation** of Carol Conderman, SVHS chess team advisor, effective end of the 2007-2008 school year and the **family medical leave** of Dale Silberhorn, MJH 2nd shift custodian, effective July 17, 2008 until February 17, 2008. Also included in the personnel report is the approval of the modifications to the Educational Support Staff Wage Schedule, the performance stipend for the Superintendent for the 2007-2008 school year, and changing the Technology Director to a salaried position. Ayes: Reeverts, Bonne, Glendenning, Jagielski, King, Larson and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Larson, seconded by King, to approve the 2007-2008 performance stipends for directors as presented. Ayes: Bonne, Jagielski, King, Larson, Reeverts and Steenken. Abstain: Glendenning. Motion carried.

Adjourn

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

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Fruin, Secretary