

Meridian Community Board Minutes

Minutes of a Special Board Meeting of August 20, 2011

Call to Order

A special meeting of the Board of Education of Meridian Community Unit School District #223 for the purpose of a Board Retreat was called to order by President Bruce Larson at 8:00 a.m. in the Meridian District Board of Education Room located in the Meridian Junior High School. Members present: Glendenning, Mellon, Pierce (via phone), Smith and Steenken. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Dr. Flynn arrived at 8:12 a.m.

There were two main topics of discussion: (1) the board and superintendent rights and responsibilities and (2) board and superintendent goals for the purpose of establishing the superintendent's evaluation.

The Board discussed the role of the Board (Board Policy 2:20), the role of the Board President (Board Policy 2:110), how the board communicates (Board Policy 2:140) and the Board and Superintendent Relationship (Board Policy 2:130). There was a question on Types of School Board Meetings (Board Policy 2:200) which will be deferred to the Policy Committee.

The Board also discussed the Board and Superintendent goals for the purpose of establishing the superintendent's evaluation. Mr. Larson shared some board meeting evaluation forms that board members, the superintendent and audience members could fill out after meetings to help hold the board accountable. This was deferred to the policy committee. Dr. Morelan shared strategic goals including academic achievement, district culture and organizational efficiency & effectiveness. Dr. Morelan also shared a draft of objectives and to be determined measures.

Summation:

- If a board member receives a communication, board members send to all other board members and Dr. Morelan
- Discussion relating to Board Policies 2:140 and 2:200 are deferred to the Policy Committee
- Order of business to establish strategic goals
- The superintendent will have measurables on September 22nd
- The superintendent evaluation tool was deferred to the Policy Committee
- Dr. Morelan will come up with how best to communicate with the Board and the frequency

Adjourn

A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Mellon, to adjourn the meeting. Ayes: All. Time: 12:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Fruin, Secretary