

Meridian Community Board Minutes

Regular School Board Meeting of August 25, 2010

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 School. Members present: Glendenning, Jagielski, Larson, Mellon, Pierce, and Reeverts. Superintendent Prusator and District Administrator of Business/HR Porter were also present. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Mellon, seconded by Reeverts, to approve the consent agenda including the minutes of the August 12, 2010 regular school board meeting; August 17, 2010 Finance Committee meeting; August 17, 2010 special board meeting; accounts payable for August 2010 in the amount of \$380,637.77 per review by Mr. Glendenning; payroll of September 3, 2010; and updated Stillman Bank Corporate Resolution. Ayes: Glendenning, Jagielski, Larson, Mellon, Pierce, Reeverts and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent's Report

5.1 Fifth day enrollment report

Mr. Prusator reviewed the fifth day enrollment numbers that showed a total of 1947 students which is a -.6% decrease. He stated that the numbers would continue to fluctuate for the next few weeks. Mr. Prusator will keep the Board posted on the numbers.

5.2 Transportation Report (Sandy Baker)

Ms. Baker provided a report on the beginning of the year start-up for transportation for the 2010-2011 school year. The transportation department was much more effective in meeting the transportation expectations this year.

5.3 ACT data

Mr. Prusator reviewed an ACT average scores and College Readiness performance levels for the 2010 graduates.

Notices and Communications

6.1 IHSA Violation

Mr. Prusator reviewed a letter from the IHSA regarding a by-law violation committed by the SVHS girls' soccer program. The IHSA has placed the program and the coach on probation for one year.

6.2 SchoolSearch 2010 Bright Star Award

Mr. Prusator reviewed a letter from SchoolSearch congratulating the district on earning the 2010 Bright Star Award for having students rank in the upper one-third of Illinois Districts while having expenditures in the bottom one-fourth. The Meridian School District is one of only 81 out of 869 school districts to be honored with the award.

Community Input

Cindy Raimer shared concerns about the budget/paper problem, loss of the reading specialist at Highland, and the electrical wiring at MC School.

Old Business

8.1 Review/approve Property/Liability/Workers' Compensation Insurance recommendation

After the bid presentation for property/liability/workers' compensation insurance at the August 12, 2010 meeting, the Board requested that several components of the bid recommendation be evaluated and reconsidered. Ms. Porter reviewed the new proposals with a higher auto and property deductible. The Board reviewed and discussed options relating to deductible amounts and premium costs.

Motion:

A motion was made by Mellon, seconded by Pierce, to accept the bid from Indiana Insurance with \$1000 auto deductible and \$5000 property deductible for \$125,682. Ayes: Jagielski, Larson, Mellon, Pierce, Reeverts, Glendenning and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously.

8.2 Continued display of Fiscal Year 2011 budget (budget hearing scheduled for Thursday, September 23, 2010 Meridian Junior High Board Room)

Mr. Porter briefly updated the School Board on information relating to projected revenue from the state. The budget hearing is scheduled for September 23, 2010.

New Business

9.1 Review district copier bid

Director of Technology, Jayce Bolhous, gave a power point presentation reviewing the process and proposals for district copiers. A final recommendation will be presented at the September 9, 2010 board meeting.

9.2 Review/consider scheduling Community Focus Group Session

The Board discussed dates, format and topic for the next community focus group meeting. The Board decided on a date of November 4, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. with a Finance theme. All community members will be invited to attend.

Board Comments

Board members commented on the possibility of the District using better, more efficient ways to communicate instead of using paper and on the heat problems in classrooms at the various schools.

Adjourn to Closed Session

A motion was made by Glendenning, seconded by Mellon, to adjourn to executive session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation of specific employees of the district; student disciplinary cases; and collective negotiating matters between the district and its employees. Ayes: Larson, Mellon, Pierce, Reeverts, Glendenning, Jagielski and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously. Time: 9:25 p.m.

Reconvene in Open Session

A motion was made by Reeverts, seconded by Pierce, to return to open session. Ayes: Pierce, Reeverts, Glendenning, Jagielski, Larson, Mellon and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously.

Board Action from Closed Session

Approve the minutes of the August 12, 2010 and August 17, 2010 Executive Session

A motion was made by Reeverts, seconded by Pierce, to approve the minutes of the August 12, 2010 and August 17, 2010 executive sessions. Ayes: Reeverts, Glendenning, Jagielski, Larson, Mellon, Pierce and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously.

Personnel Report

A motion was made by Larson, seconded by Reeverts, to approve the personnel report excluding employee A4 and amending item A3. The Personnel Report includes the **employment** of Amy Doyle, as a lunch/recess supervisor for 2010-2011 (MC); Susan Hager, as the 6th grade head volleyball coach for the 2010-2011 school year (MJH- replaces Brenda Woolbright); Alyssa Bishop, as the assistant volleyball coach for the 2010-2011 school year as amended (SVHS-replaces B. Lounsbury); **employment rehire** of Anne Messer, as an early childhood individual aide at Highland for the 2010-2011 school year (replaces K. Feldhaus); Claire Winter, as a noon supervisor at Highland for the 2010-2011 school year; Midge Haas, as an individual aide at Highland for the 2010-2011 school year and Connie Davidson as an individual aide at SVHS for the 2010-2011 school year. The personnel report also includes the **resignation** of Mary Johnson, effective on August 16, 2010, as a library aide, Julia Hull Library. Ayes: Jagielski, Larson, Mellon, Reeverts, Glendenning and Steenken. Abstain: Pierce. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Jagielski, seconded by Pierce, to approve the employment of Brittany Lounsbury as head volleyball coach pending verification of experience. Ayes: Reeverts, Jagielski and Steenken. Nay: Glendenning. Abstain: Larson, Mellon and Pierce. Motion passed.

Student Discipline

A motion was made by Jagielski, seconded by Larson, to approve the resolution to expel student 1011-1 and 1011-2. Ayes: Glendenning, Jagielski, Larson, Mellon, Pierce, Reeverts and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Fruin, Secretary