

Meridian Community Board Minutes
September 14, 2005
7:00 P.M.

Minutes of a Regular School Board Meeting of August 24, 2006

Following a brief reception for new teachers, a regular meeting of the Board of Education of Meridian Community Unit School District #223 was called to order by President Ron Steenken at 7:05 p.m. in the Meridian District Board of Education Room located in the Meridian Junior High School. Members present: Glendenning, Jagielski, Larson and Reeverts. Superintendent Prusator and Principals Coulahan, Davidson, Mandzen and Zurko and Assistant Principal Voltz were also present. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

A motion was made by Steenken, seconded by Jagielski, to remove item 4.3, approve 2006-2007 renewal for school district property/liability insurance package, from the consent agenda and move to item 8.3. Ayes: Glendenning, Jagielski, Larson, Reeverts and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Larson, seconded by Reeverts, to approve the consent agenda including the minutes of the August 10, 2006 regular school board meeting and approval of payroll of September 5, 2006. Ayes: Jagielski, Larson, Reeverts, Glendenning and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Prusator reviewed a handout of fifth day enrollment numbers that showed a total of 1951 students that is an increase of 56 students. He stated that the numbers would continue to fluctuate for the next few weeks.

Mr. Prusator stated that enrollments for the Annual Fall School Board Conference in November needed to be in on this coming Monday. He asked board members to call or email him with the dates they could attend.

Mr. Prusator reviewed the process to study eligibility for activities. He would like a committee established to review data and make a recommendation for 2007-2008. Mr. Glendenning volunteered to be on the committee.

Mr. Coulahan reported that Highland is off to a good start. He does not have an assistant secretary yet. He stated that the busing worked well and thanked the bus drivers. Picture Day was today. He reported that the internet safety presentation on Teacher's Institute was very good. Mr. Coulahan reported that on the second day of Teacher's Institute he held a three-hour staff meeting and then a two-hour PDA training.

Mr. Zurko reported that the beginning of the year at Monroe Center is off to a great start. Open House was held on Tuesday evening and was a great success with a

huge turnout of parents and families. All physical aspects of the building are looking fantastic. Class sizes continue to remain appropriate and the building is fully staffed. Work has begun on the School Improvement Plan. Plans are being finalized for the fifth grade Lorado Taft trip.

Mr. Davidson reported that Meridian Junior High is off to a good start also. Numbers are still higher than in previous years. Any new students entering 7th grade will most likely put class size over 30. Mr. Davidson reported on the power point presentation on Professional Learning Communities that was presented on Thursday to the JH and HS staff. The staff was very receptive to the idea and have started planning to implement small group discussions.

Mr. Mandzen also reported that Institute Days went well. SVHS has had a great start to the school year also. Thank you to the committed staff and excellent students. Special thanks to Vera Armour and her staff for getting the building in tremendous condition. Class meetings are being conducted to review the Student Handbook. Thanks to Mr. Voltz and Mr. Stewart for their help. Annual transcript reviews will begin to verify senior have/will have met their requirements for graduation. Mr. Mandzen handed out and reviewed AP results. He also updated the Board on the various opening dates and number of athletes for soccer, volleyball and football.

Mr. Janes arrived at 7:36 p.m.

Under Notices and Communications, Mr. Prusator stated the TAG meeting with Deb Larson from the School Board Association would be held on Tuesday, August 29th at 6:00 p.m.

There was no Community Input.

Mr. Prusator handed out and reviewed the resolution authorizing issuance of utilization of Procurement Cards for district purchases. Mr. Prusator reported that numerous districts are currently utilizing the card to reduce the time and paperwork associated with purchasing. The procurement card functions much like a credit card with limits established for those authorized to use the cards. Mr. Prusator said that the district will utilize the card gradually to identify the degree to which the district benefits from the program.

A motion was made by Jagielski, seconded by Janes, to adopt the Procurement card resolution with references to community colleges being stricken from the resolution and in Part 4 stating the superintendent **shall** establish in writing purchasing parameters and in section C of Part 4 stating **monthly** monetary procurement card limits for each individual recipient of the procurement card. Ayes: Janes, Larson, Reeverts, Glendenning, Jagielski and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Prusator reported that he hadn't had time to work on the budget since the last meeting because of the time he spent working on transportation.

Mr. Prusator handed out and reviewed the renewal for school district property/liability insurance package. Mr. Prusator recommends the Indiana Insurance Package for \$123,171.00 for 2006-2007.

A motion was made by Jagielski, seconded by Reeverts, to approve the 2006-2007 renewal for district property/liability package with Indiana Insurance. Ayes: Larson, Reeverts, Glendenning, Jagielski, Janes and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously.

There were no Board comments.

A motion was made by Reeverts, seconded by Glendenning, to adjourn to closed session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the district. Ayes: Reeverts, Glendenning, Jagielski, Janes, Larson and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously. Time: 8:06 p.m.

A motion was made by Janes, seconded by Larson, to return to open session. Motion carried unanimously. Time: 10:11 p.m.

A motion was made by Janes, seconded by Jagielski, to approve the minutes of the August 10, 2006 executive session. Ayes: Jagielski, Janes, Larson, Reeverts and Glendenning. Abstain: Steenken. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Larson, seconded by Jagielski, to accept the resignations of the following: Lisa Keast, special education individual student aide; Cindy Zito, Highland noon supervisor/playground aide effective 09/01/06; and Lisa Bauer, Highland noon supervisor/playground aide effective 09/01/06. Ayes: Janes, Larson, Reeverts, Glendenning, Jagielski, and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Reeverts, seconded by Jagielski, to hire the following: Elizabeth Rodriguez, Highland special education teacher (replaces K. Owen transfer to MJH/elementary choral teacher); Jacque Shaver, Highland .67 FTE kindergarten teacher (replaces N. Martinez transfer to first grade); Kimberly Hiort, MC special education (from .5 FTE to fulltime to account for increased case loads at MC); Dale Silberhorn, SVHS activities custodian (replaces Jesus transfer to MJH custodian); Susan Hager, .35 FTE MC physical education (replace Stewart teaching load); Vicki Hilliard, SVHS lunch cashier (replaces G. Larson); Jennifer Leskovisek, MJH 7th grade assistant volleyball coach (due to numbers); Jessica Rydeberg, 2nd shift MC custodian (replaces D. Babcock); and Duane Pansegrau, interim district transportation director. Ayes: Larson, Reeverts, Glendenning, Jagielski, Janes, and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Fruin, Secretary