

Meridian Community Board Minutes
August 10, 2006
7:00 P.M.

Minutes of a Regular School Board Meeting of July 20, 2006

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of Meridian Community Unit School District #223 was called to order by President Ron Steenken on July 20, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the Meridian District Board of Education Room located in the Meridian Junior High School. Members present: Bonne, Larson and Reeverts. Superintendent Prusator and Principal Bill Davidson were also present. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

A motion was made by Steenken, seconded by Bonne, to approve the consent agenda including: the minutes of the June 22, 2006 Board Meeting and FY 06 Budget Amendment Hearing; payroll of August 5, 2006; accounts payable for July 2006 per review by Mr. Ron Steenken; and catastrophic accident insurance for 2006-2007 school year. Ayes: Bonne, Larson, Reeverts and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Prusator handed out and reviewed the tentative preliminary financial review of FY 06. Mr. Prusator stated that the Education, and Operation & Maintenance funds showed revenue more than expenditures for the fiscal year. He stated the State of Illinois did not provide the fourth transportation reimbursement payment in June and the Transportation fund ended the fiscal year with a deficit.

Mr. Prusator reported that he would start work on the budget for FY 07. The tentative budget for FY 07 will be available for review at the August 10, 2006 meeting.

Mr. Prusator once again reminded board members to let him know what dates they can attend the Fall Joint Annual Conference in Chicago. Registration information needs to be turned in.

There were no building principal reports this month.

Under Notices and Communications, Mr. Prusator read a letter from Rock Valley College Adult Education stating that ESL classes will once again be offered at SVHS.

Under Community Input, Jay Williams handed out a One-Day Attendance Grant for the National FFA Convention that will be held on Wednesday, October 25, 2006 in Indianapolis, Indiana. Mr. Williams stated that he would call to see if any board members or administrators would be able to attend. Becky DeShazo read a statement regarding the bus driver handbook and handed out bus driver's suggestions to the handbook.

Mr. Prusator reviewed the meeting with bus drivers, Mr. Pohl, and himself. He stated they met for three hours on July 11th to review the proposed bus driver handbook. He stated the next phase would be for bus drivers to meet again and review the changes that came out of that meeting. The goal is to have the bus driver handbook ready for adoption at the August 10th board meeting. Mr. Steenken asked board members to review the proposed handbook.

Mr. Prusator handed out and reviewed a Cafeteria Revenue and Expenditure Summary for FY 06.

Mr. Prusator handed out and reviewed the bid recommendation for district bread and milk for FY 07.

A motion was made by Bonne, seconded by Reeverts, to award the bid from Alpha Baking Company for bread products and to award the bid from Anderson Erickson for milk products for the 2006-2007 school year as presented. Ayes: Larson, Reeverts, Bonne and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously.

Under Board Comments, Mrs. Reeverts asked how the response was to the mail in registration process.

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. Ayes: Reeverts, Bonne, Larson and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously. Time: 7:26 p.m.

A motion was made by Bonne, seconded by Reeverts, to return to open session. Motion carried unanimously. Time: 8:40 p.m.

A motion was made by Reeverts, seconded by Bonne, to approve the minutes of the June 22, 2006 executive session. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Bonne, seconded by Reeverts to accept the resignations of the following: Connie Nelson, MJH 8th grade science teacher; Dana Rohr, SVHS special education aide; and Kristi Gile, Monroe Center library aide. Ayes: Reeverts, Bonne, Larson and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Larson, seconded by Bonne, to hire the following: Adam Zurko, Monroe Center Elementary School principal; Steve Stewart, SVHS/MJH activities director; Malinda Bonnell, MJH 8th grade special education teacher; Jennifer Leskovisek, MJH 8th grade science (replaces Nelson); and Melanie Mays, MJH 6th grade special education teacher (replaces Bartlett's transfer to MC 3rd grade). Ayes: Bonne, Larson, Reeverts and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Bonne, seconded by Reeverts, to approve maternity leave for Joi Dundas, Monroe Center 3rd grade teacher, leave expected to begin at start of school year. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Larson, seconded by Bonne, to approve independent contract with Spangrud & Associates for 2006-2007 school year as grant writing consultants. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Larson, seconded by Reeverts, to approve the resolution to not rehire Martha Holder, District Food manager for reasons other than reduction in force. Ayes: Bonne, Larson, Reeverts and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Fruin, Secretary