

Meridian Community Board Minutes
June 22, 2006
7:00 P.M.

Minutes of a Regular School Board Meeting of June 8, 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 June 8, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the Meridian District Board of Education Room located in the Meridian Junior High School. Members present: Bonne, Jagielski, Janes and Reeverts. Superintendent Prusator, Principals Hedemann, Davidson, and Coulahan, and Asst. Principal/AD Brody Rude were also present. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

A motion was made by Jagielski, seconded by Bonne, to add agenda item under Old Business: 9.5 review/approve changes to MJH and SVHS Student/Parent and Athletic Handbooks (changes to handbooks were presented at May 25, 2006 meeting). Ayes: Bonne, Jagielski, Janes, Reeverts and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Steenken, seconded by Jagielski, to approve the consent agenda including the minutes of the May 25, 2006 board meeting, payroll of June 20, 2006, and accounts payable for June 2006 per review by Mr. Ron Steenken. Ayes: Jagielski, Janes, Reeverts, Bonne and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Glendenning arrived at approximately 7:10 p.m.

Mr. Prusator announced the dates of the IASB/IASA/IASBO 2006 Joint Annual Conference as November 17-19, 2006 in Chicago. Mr. Prusator asked board members to look at their calendars and to try to make plans to attend the conference. Mr. Prusator will need registration information in by July.

Mrs. Hedemann reported the last day for students and teachers was Tuesday, May 30th. She expressed her thanks to the Highland staff for keeping their students engaged in learning through activities that provided an element of fun as well. Students in Mrs. Akey's class erupted their volcanoes, an annual event, to proclaim the end of the year. First graders blew away the last week with Bubble Day. Several classes celebrated with picnics in the park or a classroom Pizza Party. Mrs. Hedemann expressed a sincere thanks to the Highland Room Moms for their time and energy this past school year. The Highland maintenance crew has begun the regiment of summer cleaning. Bus supervisor, Dale Pohl, is working on dividing the 2006-2007 kindergarten group so it can be determined which building will be their attendance center. Lastly, Mrs. Hedemann thanked the Highland secretaries for their end of the year work with purchase orders and attendance reports.

Mr. Coulahan reported that Monroe Center had a good end of the year. A Mexican Ballet Folklorico dance group performed on May 18th with a few of the MC

students as part of the performance. Award ceremonies were held with all students being honored for an area of particular strength. Field Day was held at Monroe Center this year instead of the MC Lion's Park for fear of rain. The rain held off until about 2:00 p.m. The fifth grade dance was held once again this year. Mr. Coulahan especially thanked DJ's Mr. Jim Stone and Mr. Jim Koehler for their help with lights and music. Foundation tickets are available for the July 23rd Drawdown.

Mr. Davidson reported that summer school began on Monday, June 5th. Mrs. Timm and Mrs. Stewart are working with the students this year. MJH experienced a few problems with the Plato licensing, but with the help of Mr. Prusator and Jayce Bolhous, it is up and running. Mr. Davidson is looking forward to another productive June. Mr. Davidson reported the interview process was started to find Mrs. Woessner's replacement. Mrs. Woessner will be missed by students and staff. MJH is hosting the MAPS summer program this week.

Mr. Mandzen was on vacation. Mr. Rude reported that summer school at SVHS also started on Monday with Mrs. Forbes and Mr. Hickerson as teachers. Summer school is off to a good start at SVHS. Mr. Rude also reported that the interview process has begun for the assistant principal position. Lastly, Mr. Rude read a letter expressing his thanks for the opportunities given to him during his time with the district. He stated he had enjoyed his time as a teacher and administrator and that "It was great to be a Cardinal".

Under Notices and Communications, Mr. Prusator handed out a survey from Deb Larson regarding the board governance on-line survey, which is final part of the Targeting Achievement through Governance program. All board members are asked to complete the survey.

Under Community Input, Sue Miller spoke regarding the summer school special education bus route not being put out for bid. She also questioned the status of the bus driver handbook.

Dana Kunce presented the annual Library Report. She highlighted the programs held at each of the schools this year. She reviewed the three grants that have been applied for this year and the dollar amount each would bring in. Mrs. Kunce thanked the board for their support of her and the library. She also expressed thanks to the library aides and volunteers for all their hard work this year.

Mr. Prusator reported that there were no changes on the proposed budget amendment since the last meeting. The Budget Amendment Hearing is scheduled for June 22, 2006 at 7:00 P.M. in the MJH Board Room.

Mr. Prusator gave a presentation on Meridian CUSD #223 test scores from the Illinois Interactive Report Card.

Mr. Prusator reviewed the 2006-2007 Board Goals and Priorities list which reflects a district striving to improve.

A motion was made by Bonne, seconded by Jagielski, to adopt the 2006-2007 Board Goals and Priorities list as presented. Ayes: Janes, Reeverts, Bonne, Glendenning, Jagielski and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously.

There was a brief discussion regarding the MJH and SVHS Student/Parent and Athletic Handbooks.

A motion was made by Jagielski, seconded by Steenken, to approve changes to the MJH and SVHS Student/Parent and Athletic Handbooks as presented at the prior board meeting. Ayes: Reeverts, Bonne, Jagielski and Steenken. Nays: Glendenning and Janes. Motion carried.

Mr. Prusator reviewed the preliminary School Board Meeting Schedule for 2006-2007. Discussion followed regarding some conflicts with events/programs at SVHS. Alternative dates were suggested. Mr. Prusator will check with SVHS to see if there is any conflict with the suggested dates. He will present the revised preliminary schedule at the June 22, 2006 board meeting.

Mr. Prusator reviewed a board member accounts payable schedule for 2006-2007.

Mr. Prusator reported that the District is required to adopt a Wellness Policy. The Wellness Policy, including good nutrition and physical activity, is to be promoted in the District's educational program, school activities, and meal programs. A Wellness Committee needs to be established to oversee this policy. The policy needs to be adopted by the board before the first day of school.

Under Board Comments, Mrs. Bonne expressed well wishes to Mr. Rude.

A motion was made by Reeverts, seconded by Bonne, to adjourn to closed session to discuss appointment, employment, or dismissal of an employee. Ayes: Bonne, Glendenning, Jagielski, Janes, Reeverts and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously. Time 8:30 p.m.

A motion was made by Janes, seconded by Jagielski, to return to open session. Motion carried unanimously. Time: 10:45 p.m.

A motion was made by Bonne, seconded by Glendenning, to approve the minutes of the May 25, 2006 executive session. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Reeverts, seconded by Jagielski, to accept the resignation of the following: Angie Palmer, SVHS Academic Bowl coach; John Vos, SVHS assistant Academic Bowl coach; Ann Myrvold, MJH cheerleading coach; and Kristina

Lundine, MJH 7th Grade Academic Bowl coach. Ayes: Janes, Reeverts, Bonne, Glendenning, Jagielski and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Janes, seconded by Bonne, to hire the following: Ryan Dessing, SVHS social studies teacher (replaces Murphy); Nicole Martinez, Highland .67 FTE Kindergarten (was released pending final numbers); Angela Cain, Highland .67 FTE Kindergarten (was released pending final numbers); Courtney Jones, Highland .67 FTE Kindergarten (was released pending final numbers); Roxanne Kurt, MC .67 Kindergarten (was released pending final numbers); and Amy Hayden, MJH 8th Grade English (replaces Woessner). Ayes: Reeverts, Bonne, Glendenning, Jagielski, Janes and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Reeverts, seconded by Bonne, to accept the evaluations of the following spring head coaches: Scott Wilhite, SVHS head boys' baseball coach; Eric Swenson, SVHS head track coach; Lyn Larsen, SVHS head girls' soccer coach; and Shawn Byers, SVHS head softball coach. Ayes: Bonne, Glendenning, Jagielski, Janes, Reeverts and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Bonne, seconded by Jagielski, to approve the Administrator Compensation Plan salary recommendation for 2006-2007. Ayes: Glendenning, Jagielski, Janes, Reeverts, Bonne and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Janes, seconded by Jagielski to approve the 2006-2007 ESP salary schedule. Ayes: Jagielski, Janes, Reeverts, Bonne, Glendenning, and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Glendenning, on behalf of the Board of Education, stated the Board's position on the special education summer school bus route. He stated that the special education summer school route was a continuation of the special education route, therefore, a continuation of the driver's contracted route. It is in the best interest and safety of the special needs students to have the same driver and aide. Also, the proposed bus driver handbook would be made available to each driver for review.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Fruin, Secretary

