

Meridian Community Board Minutes
June 8, 2006
7:00 P.M.

Minutes of a Regular School Board Meeting of May 25, 2006

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of Meridian Community Unit District #223 was called to order by President Steenken on May 25, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the Meridian District Board of Education Room located in the Meridian Junior High School following the annual retirement dinner. Members present: Bonne, Glendenning, Jagielski, Janes and Larson. Superintendent Prusator, Principals Hedemann, Davidson, and Mandzen were also present. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

A motion was made by Jagielski, seconded by Janes, to approve the consent agenda including the minutes of the May 2, 2006 special board meeting, minutes of the May 11, 2006 regular board meeting, payrolls of May 26th and June 5th, 2006, adopt the revised Official 2005-2006 School Calendar, and authorize the superintendent to begin preparation of the FY07 Budget. Ayes: Bonne, Glendenning, Jagielski, Janes, Larson and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Hedemann reported that Highland received their Terra Nova Test Scores. She extended congratulations to the Highland staff for their outstanding accomplishment of not only reaching their school improvement goal for reading, but exceeding it by 1.4%. Highland second grade students received a score of 81% Meets or Exceeds in reading and a score of 92.4% Meets or Exceeds in Math.

Mr. Davidson reported that the Chorus performed their Spring Concert this past Tuesday. It was another great performance by the students. Mrs. Haugland took the MJH choir to "Music in the Park" last Saturday. After their performance, students were able to enter Great America at a reduced cost. 8th grade graduation was held today in the MJH gym. Mr. Davidson extended his thanks to the 8th grade staff on another successful school year and graduation ceremony. Final grades have been recorded; and summer school numbers are slightly less than last year.

Mr. Mandzen reported that finals at SVHS were completed today. Grades will be mailed out next Friday. Mr. Mandzen extended congratulations to Mr. Wilhite and the baseball program. The SVHS baseball team is conference champions and regional champions.

Mr. Prusator handed out a pamphlet from the OCEC describing acronyms and terminology used in special education. The pamphlet was produced to assist parents in understanding terms and acronyms often used in special education discussions.

There was no Community Input.

Mr. Prusator handed out and reviewed the “Board Goals and Priorities for 2006-2007”. He stated that he appreciated the contributions to the list. Mr. Prusator would like to have these adopted at the next meeting.

Mr. Davidson handed out and reviewed the proposed changes to the MJH parent-student handbook. He stated that there were no major changes, just tidying up the book. Mr. Mandzen handed out and reviewed the proposed changes to the SVHS parent-student handbook and Target Policy revisions. Discussion followed regarding graduation requirements and participation in the graduation ceremony. Additional discussion followed on academic eligibility for extracurricular participation.

A motion was made by Glendenning, seconded by Janes, to look at academic eligibility for extracurricular participation soon.

A motion was made by Jagielski, seconded by Larson, to amend the motion to put the review on the board priority list with a report back to the board by August 1st. Ayes: Glendenning, Jagielski, Janes, Larson, Bonne and Steenken. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion made by Glendenning, seconded by Janes, to look at academic eligibility for extracurricular participation as amended. Ayes: Jagielski, Janes, Larson, Bonne, Glendenning and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Prusator handed out the proposed budget amendment for FY06 and stated it continues to be on display.

Mr. Prusator reviewed plans for summer school 2006. He stated that summer school would be held from June 5 - June 30 and would be similar to past programs.

Mr. Pohl handed out and reviewed the bids for one-year old buses from Midwest Transit Equipment and Central States Bus Sales, Inc. Mr. Pohl recommends Bid 1- Option B from Midwest Transit Equipment which includes the purchase of five one-year old Blue Bird 78 passenger school buses at a cost of \$290,9000.00 and the lease of two one-year old Chevrolet 24 passenger buses at a cost of \$19,430.00. Mr. Pohl recommended trading in five District #223 school buses for \$45,000.00.

A motion was made by Bonne, seconded by Jagielski, to accept Bid 1 – Option B from Midwest Transit Equipment for a total cost of \$265,330.00 as presented. Ayes: Janes, Larson, Bonne, Glendenning, Jagielski, and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously.

Under Board Comments, Mrs. Bonne stated the retirement dinner was a nice tribute to the retirees and that the meal was great.

A motion was made by Glendenning, seconded by Janes, to adjourn to closed session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance

or dismissal of specific employees of the district and the purchase of real property of use of the district. Ayes: Larson, Bonne, Glendenning, Jagielski, Janes and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously. Time: 9:30 p.m.

A motion was made by Larson, seconded by Bonne, to return to open session. Motion carried unanimously. Time: 11:22 p.m.

A motion was made by Janes, seconded by Larson, to approve the minutes of the May 2, 2006 and May 11, 2006 executive sessions. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Bonne, seconded by Larson, to accept the resignation of Edward Cullen, am/pm bus driver. Ayes: Jagielski, Janes, Larson, Bonne, Glendenning, Steenken. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Bonne, seconded by Glendenning, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Fruin, Secretary