

Meridian Community Board Minutes
December 14, 2006
7:00 P.M.

Minutes of a Regular School Board Meeting of November 9, 2006

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: Bonne, Glendenning, Jagielski and Larson. Superintendent Prusator was also present. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

A motion was made by Steenken, seconded by Jagielski, to approve the consent agenda including the following: minutes of the October 26, 2006 regular board meeting and minutes of the October 30, 2006 special board meeting; payroll of November 20th, November 30th, and December 5th, 2006; accounts payable for November 2006 per review by Mr. Steenken; service agreement with Lutheran Social Services of Illinois to provide Project Coordinator for Elementary Counseling Grant in the annual amount of \$23,000 (paid fully out of grant); and approve re-payment of the \$75,000 loan to the Working Cash Fund from the IMRF/Social Security/Medicaid Fund. Ayes: Bonne, Glendenning, Jagielski, Larson and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Prusator distributed ID badges to board members attending the Annual School Board Joint Conference in Chicago on November 17-19, 2006. He stated that he expects board members to receive a lot of good information at the conference once again this year.

American Education Week is November 13 –17, 2006. Mr. Prusator reported that the week would start off with bagels/cream cheeses delivered to each building and the bus garage on Monday. He invited board members to the Thanksgiving meal on Thursday paid for by the SVEA and School District.

Mr. Prusator reviewed the procedure regarding the cancellation of school due to inclement weather. He stated a decision is made by 6:00 a.m. and would be based on what is best for the safety of the students. Mr. Prusator will be meeting with road commissioners soon. Mr. Prusator stated that along with the usual media notification, he would use the mass phone broadcast system to inform parents of school cancellations.

Building principal reports were distributed at each board member's seat.

There were no Notices and Communications.

There was no Community Input.

Mr. Prusator reported on the status of the Bus Driver Handbook. He stated that the last phase was to have the district's attorney review the handbook to make sure it was consistent with law and school codes and to clarify language to prevent misinterpretation. Mr. Prusator reported that he and Mr. Pansegrau met with bus drivers yesterday. Mr. Prusator asked board members to review the handbook and contact him with any questions or concerns. The handbook should be brought back to the board for approval in December.

Mr. Prusator handed out and reviewed the proposed 2006 Tax Levy. The proposed tax levy will be published in a local newspaper. The Levy Hearing is scheduled for 6:45 p.m. on December 14, 2006 at Highland School.

Mr. Prusator presented the FY06 supplemental graphs and charts from information provided by the Fiscal Year 2006 audit. Mr. Prusator reviewed enrollment, revenue and expenditure history, fund balances and additional financial data including the Meridian CUSD #223 Illinois State Board of Education Financial Profile. Mr. Prusator reported that the district's profile score of 3.70 places the district on the state's highest category of "recognition". Mr. Prusator stated that, in spite of the financial pressure the increasing student enrollment has presented, the district has been able to maintain programs without increasing the tax rate.

There were no Board Comments.

A motion was made by Larson, seconded by Jagielski, to adjourn to executive session to discuss information regarding appointment, employment or dismissal of a specific employee of the district. Ayes: Glendenning, Jagielski, Larson, Bonne and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously. Time: 7:49 p.m.

A motion was made by Larson, seconded by Bonne, to return to open session. Motion carried unanimously. Time: 9:42 p.m.

A motion was made by Jagielski, seconded by Larson, to approve the minutes of the October 26, 2006 executive session and the October 30, 2006 executive session. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Jagielski, seconded by Larson, to approve the personnel report with the exception of 1.2.11. The personnel report included the following: accepting the resignation of Lori Miuccio, district food courier/girls' locker room supervision; and hiring Joanne Besonen, district human resource/payroll clerk (replaces Diane Bruch); Beverly Rutledge, .5 FTE project coordinator for Emergency Response and Crisis Management Grant at rate of \$20,000 per year for 18 months (paid fully by Emergency Response and Crisis Management Grant **and** project coordinator for LSTA (library grant) at rate of \$21.00 per hour for 100 hours (paid fully by grant); Anna Standard, Highland cashier position (new position in order to keep secretary in office); Kathleen Scordato, Monroe Center 5th grade classroom aide due to enrollment; Amy Tapia, MJH cheerleading advisor (replaces Ann Myrvold); Art Peterson, MJH 6th grade

boys' basketball coach; Keith Hall, assistant 6th grade boys' basketball coach (due to numbers); Barry Glaudel, SVHS assistant wrestling coach; and Joyce Turnipseed, RN nurse for job share at Monroe Center School. Ayes: Bonne, Glendenning, Jagielski, Larson and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Jagielski, seconded by Bonne, to approve 1.2.11 hiring Kim Glendenning, RN nurse for job share at Highland School. Ayes: Jagielski, Larson, Bonne and Steenken. Abstain: Glendenning. Motion carried.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Fruin, Secretary