

Meridian Community Board Minutes

Minutes of a Regular School Board Meeting of April 10, 2008

Call to Order and Roll Call

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. Members present: Bonne, King, Larson and Reeverts. Superintendent Prusator and Director of Business/HR Porter were also present. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Motion:

A motion was made by Steenken, seconded by Bonne, to appoint Jennifer Porter as recording secretary for Donna Fruin. Ayes: Bonne, King, Larson, Reeverts and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Glendenning arrived.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Bonne, seconded by Larson, to remove item 4.6, approve resolution to establish checking account for Section 125 plan (flex plan), from the consent agenda. Ayes: Glendenning, King, Larson, Reeverts, Bonne and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by King, seconded by Reeverts, to approve the consent agenda including the minutes of the March 20, 2008 regular board meeting; payroll of April 18, 2008; accounts payable for April 2008 per review by Mr. King; 2008-2009 School Calendar; and Stillman Valley High School membership to IHSA for 2008-2009. Ayes: King, Larson, Reeverts, Bonne, Glendenning and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion:

A motion was made by King, seconded by Reeverts, to approve resolution to establish checking account for Section 125 Plan (flex plan). Ayes: King, Larson, Reeverts, Glendenning and Steenken. Abstain: Bonne. Motion carried.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Prusator reviewed upcoming board meeting dates, which included a special meeting on Thursday, April 17, 2008 for a Targeting Achievement through Governance session at 6:00 p.m. at Highland School. Mr. Prusator also made mention that the 2nd April meeting has been moved to Wednesday, April 23rd from Thursday April 24th.

Notices and Communications

Mr. Prusator shared that the Illinois Association of School Boards mailed board member surveys for each board member to complete.

Community Input

There was no Community Input.

Old Business

- 8.1 Review Community Focus Group Session held on April 3, 2008
The School Board members reviewed and discussed the feedback from the Community Focus Group session held on Thursday, April 3rd. Board members shared what was discussed in their small group sessions and issues that were important to the community members.
- 8.2 Review District and Building Emergency Response/Crisis Management Plans
Mr. Prusator reviewed recently completed emergency plans that were products of an 18-month process that was supported by a \$100,000 federal grant. Mr. Prusator reviewed the major components of the emergency response/crisis management plans. The plans will be recommended for adoption at the next regularly scheduled board meeting on April 23, 2008.
- 8.3 Review/approve bids for Health Life Safety work at Highland School, Monroe Center School and Meridian Junior High School
Ms. Porter reviewed the bid process and bids for Health Life Safety work at Highland, Monroe Center and the Meridian Junior High School. Director of Buildings and Grounds, Jon Mickle, also provided additional information about the bids and the work.

Motion:

A motion was made by Glendenning, seconded by Reeverts, to approve all bids for Health Life Safety work at Highland School, Monroe Center School and Meridian Junior High School. Ayes: Larson, Reeverts, Bonne, Glendenning, King and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business

- 9.1 Consider scheduling special board meeting/retreat for District Senior Leadership Team for the purpose of establishing goals for 2008-2009
The School Board discussed potential dates to schedule a special meeting to review and approve District Goals for 2008-2009. A Saturday in June was considered as well as a potential evening meeting.

Board Comments

There were no board comments.

Adjourn to Closed Session

A motion was made by Larson, seconded by Bonne, to adjourn to closed session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, or dismissal of specific employees of the District; the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the District or whether a particular parcel should be acquired. Ayes: Reeverts, Bonne, Glendenning, King, Larson and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously. Time: 9:35 p.m.

Reconvene in Open Session

A motion was made by King, seconded by Bonne, to return to open session. Ayes: Bonne, Glendenning, King, Larson, Reeverts and Steenken. Ayes: Bonne, Glendenning, King, Larson, Reeverts and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously. Time: 10:46 p.m.

Approve the minutes of the March 20, 2008 Executive Session

A motion was made by Reeverts, seconded by Bonne to approve the minutes of the March 20, 2008 executive session. Ayes: King, Larson, Reeverts and Bonne. Abstain: Glendenning and Steenken. Motion carried.

Motion:

A motion was made by King, seconded by Reeverts, for continued employment for tenured certified teachers. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion:

A motion was made by Larson, seconded by King, to move fourth year teachers to tenured status per list; to approve employment of third year teachers for fourth year probationary status for 2008-2009 per list; to approve employment of second year teachers for third year probationary status for 2008-2009 per list; and to approve employment of first year teachers for second year probationary status for 2008-2009 per list. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion:

A motion was made by Bonne, seconded by Reeverts, to approve employment of part-time, non-tenured teachers for 2008-2009 per list. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion:

A motion was made by Larson, seconded by Bonne, to adopt resolution for non-reemployment of first year probationary teacher. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion:

A motion was made by Larson, seconded by King, to adopt resolution for non-reemployment of part-time teachers. Motion carried unanimously.

Approve the Personnel Report

Motion:

A motion was made by Glendenning, seconded by Bonne, to remove the hiring of Malinda Hurt from the presented personnel report. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Glendenning, seconded by Bonne, to approve the personnel report including: the **employment** of Catherine Bozzi, Highland night custodian (replaces J. Fischer); Lori Lin Maslin, MJH night custodian (replaces Lakanen); Steve Lakanen, MJH head custodian (replaces Peterson); Jamie McCarty, assistant junior high girls track coach (replaces Alderks); Christine Griesbach, assistant junior high girls track coach (due to numbers); and Ann Boe, assistant junior high boys track coach (due to numbers). The personnel report also includes the **resignations** of Teresa Bondavalli, effective end of the 2007-2008 school year (SVHS English/Social Science teacher) and Rita Gillespie, effective end of the 2007-2008 school year (SVHS Math teacher). The **retirement** of Marilyn McDuffie, effective May 27, 2008 (SVHS head cook) is also included in the personnel report.

Motion:

A motion was made by Bonne, seconded by King, to hire Malinda Hurt as the basketball cheerleading advisor (replaces C. Kurgan). Ayes: Bonne, King, Larson, Reeverts and Steenken. Abstain: Glendenning. Motion carried.

Adjourn

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Porter