

Meridian Community Board Minutes

Minutes of a Regular School Board Meeting of April 23, 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, Glendenning, Jagielski (via phone), King, Larson and Reeverts. Superintendent Prusator, Director of Business/HR Porter, Director of Transportation Sherman and Director of Food Service Reber were also present. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Bonne, seconded by Reeverts, to approve the consent agenda including the minutes of the April 10, 2008 regular board meeting and the April 17, 2008 special board meeting; payroll of May 5, 2008; and amended 2007-2008 school calendar. Ayes: Bonne, Glendenning, Jagielski, King, Larson, Reeverts and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent's Report

5.1 Update on County School Facility School Occupation Tax Law

Mr. Prusator provided an update on the Ogle County School Facility School Occupation Tax Law and the initial feedback from a meeting of Ogle County superintendents.

Notices and Communications

There were no Notices and Communications.

Community Input

There was no Community Input.

Old Business

8.1 Review/approve bus bid for 2008-2009

At the March 20, 2008 board meeting, the Director of Transportation discussed the purchase of buses for the 2008-2009 school year. The bidding process was reviewed at that time. The Administration is recommending that the Board award the bid for the purchase of one new diesel engine wheelchair bus, two new 26 passenger buses, one new 14 passenger activity bus, and the alternate bid for trade-in of two buses from the current fleet to Midwest Transit Equipment for \$192,659.00, including trade-in amounts.

Motion:

A motion was made by Larson, seconded by King, to award the bid for buses to Midwest Transit Equipment for \$192,659.00, including trade-in amounts as presented. Ayes: Glendenning, Jagielski, King, Larson, Reeverts, Bonne and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously.

8.2 Review/approve building emergency plans for 2008-2009

Mr. Prusator briefly reviewed the building emergency plans. Mr. Prusator highlighted the responses, types of emergencies, and recovery aspects of the plan. The framework of the plans was reviewed at the April 10, 2008 board meeting. Mr. Prusator relayed some of the training and drills that will be held next year.

Motion:

A motion was made by Bonne, seconded by Glendenning, to approve the building emergency plans for 2008-2009 as presented. Ayes: Jagielski, King, Larson, Reeverts, Bonne, Glendenning and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously.

8.3 Review 3rd quarter financial report

Mrs. Porter reported on the quarterly status of the budget. She reviewed the Education, Operation & Maintenance, Transportation and Food Service funds. The report reviewed the revenues and expenditures to date, comparing projected and actual, as well as, historical data and trends.

New Business

9.1 Meridian CUSD #223 Food Service Department monitoring report and recommendation to join the Northern Illinois Independent Purchasing Cooperative

Lisa Reber, Director of Food Service, gave a power point presentation on the overall operations of the food service department. She reviewed some of the department's new programs and plans for the future. In addition, Lisa discussed her recommendation for the district to join the Northern Illinois Independent Purchasing Cooperative. Board members thanked Ms. Reber for her presentation.

Motion:

A motion was made by Glendenning, seconded by Bonne, to approve membership to the Northern Illinois Independent Purchasing Cooperative for the 2008-2009 school year by passing the Northern Illinois Independent Purchasing Cooperative Intergovernmental Agreement Resolution. Ayes: King, Larson, Reeverts, Bonne, Glendenning, Jagielski and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously.

Board Comments

Under Board Comments, Mr. Glendenning stated that he was happy to see the burn pile on the high school campus is gone. Mr. Steenken gave a brief update on the Joint Library Meeting.

Adjourn to Closed Session

A motion was made by King, 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 by the District or whether a particular parcel should be acquired. Ayes: Larson, Reeverts, Bonne, Glendenning, Jagielski, King and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously. Time: 8:45 p.m.

Reconvene in Open Session

A motion was made by Glendenning, seconded by Bonne, to return to open session. Motion carried unanimously. Time: 11:08 p.m.

Approve the minutes of the April 10, 2008 Executive Session

A motion was made by Barb, seconded by King, to approve the minutes of the April 10, 2008 executive session. Motion carried unanimously.

Approve the Personnel Report

A motion was made by Bonne, seconded by Larson, to approve the personnel report including: the employment of Tracey Erlenbach as the high school agriculture instructor for the 2008-2009 school year (replaces Gilbert) and the resignation of Karen Rosenbloom, effective end of 2007-2008 school year (MC/Highland art teacher). The personnel report also includes the honorable dismissal of the following teacher aides due to unknown special education staffing for next year; unknown grant allocation; or aide for individual student: Danielle

Ducey, Highland instructional aide; Carla Duschen, Highland instructional aide; Michelle McDevitt, Highland instructional aide; Tara Modrzejewski, Highland instructional aide; Tammy Pierson, Highland early childhood aide only; Nancy Schabacker, Highland instructional aide; Leigh Whitmire, Highland instructional aide; Deborah Lawson, MC instructional aide; Kristina Reed, MC instructional aide; Raylene Rzasa, MC instructional aide; Lori Wetzel, MC instructional aide and Deborah Castle, MJH individual aide. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn

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

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Fruin, Secretary