

Meridian Community Board Minutes  
January 25, 2007  
7:00 P.M.

Minutes of a Regular School Board Meeting of January 11, 2007

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of Meridian Community Unit School District #223 was called to order by Vice President Barb Reeverts on January 11, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the Meridian District Board of Education Room located in the Meridian Junior High School. Members present: Bonne, Glendenning, Janes, and Larson. Superintendent Prusator was also present. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

A motion was made by Larson, seconded by Bonne, to approve the consent agenda including the minutes of the regular board meeting of December 14, 2006, the minutes of the special board meeting of December 19, 2006, the payroll of January 19, 2007, and accounts payable for January 2007 per review by Mr. Larson. Ayes: Bonne, Glendenning, Janes, Larson and Reeverts. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Prusator reviewed that the Ogle County Board of Review Onyx assessment appeal hearing is scheduled for January 18, 2007 at the old courthouse in Oregon at 1:00 p.m. Mr. Whitt will be there to represent the district.

Mr. Jagielski arrived at 7:03 p.m.

Mr. Prusator demonstrated the new security camera system at SVHS which was installed over the Christmas vacation. Thirteen cameras have been installed with another phase to follow in the spring. Mr. Prusator also relayed that the projects of placing cameras at the entrances of the district's other three buildings in addition to "buzzer" entry systems will hopefully be completed by the week of January 15<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Prusator also relayed that as a part the district's safety and security program, SVHS and MJH hosted a student assembly called Rachel's Challenge on Wednesday, January 10th, which is a national program based on the life of Rachel Stodd, the first person killed in the Columbine tragedy on April 20, 1999. Rachel's acts of kindness and compassion create a "want to" or desire for positive change. Later in the day, approximately 65 students received training to ensure that the positive impact will continue. Rachel's Challenge was also presented to parents and community with approximately 160 people in attendance.

Building principal reports were available at board members' seats.

There were no Notices and Communications.

There was no Community Input.

Mr. Prusator briefly reviewed a handout of the proposed new courses/revisions of existing courses at SVHS. He stated that the possibility of adding an Advanced Earth Science course is still being explored.

A motion was made by Larson, seconded by Janes, to approve new courses/revisions of existing courses for SVHS for 2007-2008 for Principles of Multimedia and Web Design and for Clothing 3-4. Ayes: Glendenning, Jagielski, Janes, Larson, Bonne and Reeverts. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Prusator once again invited board comments or questions regarding the superintendent job description and superintendent evaluation instrument. A brief discussion followed.

A motion was made by Jagielski, seconded by Larson, to approve the superintendent job description and superintendent evaluation instrument. Ayes: Jagielski, Janes, Larson, Bonne, Glendenning and Reeverts. Motion carried unanimously.

Under Board Comments, Mr. Janes communicated the need to complete the work of the Building and Grounds Task Force committee.

A motion was made by Janes, seconded by Jagielski, to adjourn to closed session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the district and collective negotiating matters between the District and its employees. Ayes: Janes, Larson, Bonne, Glendenning, Jagielski and Reeverts. Motion carried unanimously. Time: 7:34 p.m.

A motion was made by Larson, seconded by Jagielski, to return to open session. Motion carried unanimously. Time: 8:36 p.m.

A motion was made by Bonne, seconded by Larson, to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2006 Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Janes, seconded by Jagielski, to accept the resignation of Michael Toth, Highland 2<sup>nd</sup> shift custodian; Mona Smith, 6<sup>th</sup> grade basketball coach and 6<sup>th</sup> grade volleyball coach; and Joanne Besonen, District human resource/payroll. Ayes: Glendenning, Jagielski, Janes, Larson, Bonne and Reeverts. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Bonne, seconded by Glendenning, to hire Ryan Brown, bilingual instructor and Sally Gehrke, District human resource/payroll. Ayes: Jagielski, Janes, Larson, Bonne, Glendenning and Reeverts. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Janes, seconded by Glendenning, to adjourn the meeting.  
Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Donna Fruin, Secretary