

Meridian Community Board

Minutes of a Special School Board Meeting for Levy Hearing of December 20, 2007

A special meeting of the Board of Education of Meridian Community Unit School District #223 was called to order by President Ron Steenken on December 20, 2007 at 6:47 p.m. in the teachers' workroom at Highland Elementary School for the purpose of a Tax Levy Hearing. Members present: Bonne, Glendenning, Jagielski and King.

Mr. Prusator commented that there were no changes from information presented at previous meetings or from the resolution passed at the November meeting.

Mrs. Reeverts arrived at 6:48 p.m. Mr. Larson arrived at 6:50 p.m.

There was no public comment.

Hearing no comments or questions, a motion was made by Bonne, seconded by Jagielski, to adjourn the Tax Levy Hearing. Ayes: Bonne, Glendenning, Jagielski, King, Larson, Reeverts and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Fruin, Secretary

Minutes of a Regular School Board Meeting of December 20, 2007

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 teachers' workroom at Highland Elementary School. Members present: Bonne, Glendenning, Jagielski, King, Larson and Reeverts. Superintendent Prusator and Director of Business/HR Porter were also present. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Larson requested that item 4.1 be removed from the consent agenda in order for the minutes of the November 26, 2007 meeting to reflect that Mr. Glendenning did not participate and excused himself from discussion related to the personnel report in closed session.

Motion: A motion was made by Larson, seconded by Glendenning, to remove item 4.1 approve minutes of the November 8, 2007 regular board meeting and the November 26, 2007 special board meeting from the consent agenda. Ayes: Glendenning, Jagielski, King, Larson, Reeverts, Bonne and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion: A motion was made by Jagielski, seconded by Bonne, to approve the consent agenda including 4.2 approve payroll for January 4, 2008 and 4.3 approve accounts payable for December 2007 per review by Mr. Glendenning. Ayes: Jagielski, King, Larson, Reeverts, Bonne, Glendenning and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion: A motion was made by Jagielski, seconded by Larson, to amend the minutes of the November 26, 2007 board meeting to include that Mr. Glendenning did not participate and excused himself from discussion related to the personnel report in closed session. Ayes: King, Larson, Reeverts, Bonne, Glendenning, Jagielski and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion: A motion was made by Jagielski, seconded by Bonne, to approve the minutes of the November 8, 2007 regular board meeting and approve the minutes of the November 26, 2007 special board meeting as amended. Ayes: Larson, Reeverts, Bonne, Glendenning, Jagielski, King and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent's Report

Konnections for Kids Elementary Counseling Grant Year 1 Survey Results

Mr. Prusator reported on a survey that was conducted to determine and assess progress from the first year of the Konnections for Kids Elementary Counseling Grant. The focus of the survey was to review improvement in conflict resolution and decision making skills among students.

Report on December 6, 2007 Interest Based Problem Solving Committee Meeting

Mr. Prusator reported that on December 6, 2007, a group of 14 teachers, board members and administrators met to begin the process of constructing a teacher evaluation instrument.

Notices and Communications

Mr. Prusator commented that the district/board has received Christmas cards from various vendors, individuals and companies.

Community Input

There was no Community Input.

Old Business

8.1 Review/approve resolution for 2007 tax levy

There was no further discussion.

Motion: A motion was made by Glendenning, seconded by Reeverts, to approve the resolution for the 2007 tax levy. Ayes: Reeverts, Bonne, Glendenning, Jagielski, King, Larson and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously.

8.2 Review/approve process/resources to proceed with facility project

The board discussed utilizing Dr. Brad Hawk for the purpose of assisting the School Board in developing a long term vision at a cost not to exceed \$3000. The Board also discussed utilizing the services of Franklin Hill for facility consultation, which would follow after completion of determining the District's long term vision process with Dr. Hawk.

Motion: A motion was made by Glendenning, seconded by Jagielski, as a first step, to employ Dr. Brad Hawk to engage in formulating a strategic plan for the district at a cost not to exceed \$3000.00. Ayes: Bonne, Glendenning, Jagielski, King, Larson, Reeverts and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business

9.1 Review/discuss Meridian CUSD #223 position on Davis Junction modified annexation agreement with residential developers

Mr. Prusator reviewed the discussion with the Davis Junction Village Board regarding modifications to an existing annexation agreement between developers and the Village. Mr. Prusator reported that he and Mr. Glendenning attended a Davis Junction Village meeting to express the District's concern with increasing building permit restrictions. Mr. Prusator and Mr. Glendenning both communicated Davis Junction Village Board's desire to work the annexation agreement modifications in such a way that the School District's interests are protected.

9.2 Review School Board Conference sessions

Mr. Steenken shared information/materials from of the sessions he attended at the Fall School Board Conference. Mrs. Bonne and Mrs. Reeverts also shared information from the sessions they attended.

9.3 Building tour of Highland

The School Board is in the process of conducting tours of all the district's facilities. The Board toured the Highland building.

Board Comments

There were no Board Comments.

Adjourn to executive session

A motion was made by Larson, seconded by Reeverts, to adjourn to closed session to discuss employment; salary schedules for one or more classes of employees; and semi-annual review of closed session minutes. Ayes: Glendenning, Jagielski, King, Larson, Reeverts, Bonne and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously. Time: 9:45 p.m.

Reconvene in Open Session

A motion was made by Bonne, seconded by Jagielski, to return to open session. Motion carried unanimously. Time: 11:15 p.m.

Approve the minutes of the November 8, 2007 and November 26, 2007 Executive Sessions

A motion was made by Reeverts, seconded by King, to approve the minutes of the November 8, 2007 and November 26, 2007 executive sessions. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion on the minutes from the Executive Sessions between June 28, 2007 through November 2007

A motion was made by Jagielski, seconded by Bonne, to approve suggested actions on executive session minutes dated from June 28, 2007 through November 2007 as recommended with the exception of closing the August 23, 2007 executive session minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Approve Personnel Report

Motion: A motion was made by Bonne, seconded by Jagielski, to approve the personnel report including the **employment** of: Victor Bozzi, MJH second shift custodian (replaces J. Vargas); Gina Person, Highland head cook (replaces L. Reber); Courtney Jones, Highland facilitator (replaces D. Griffith); Sarah Lindwall, Highland facilitator (replaces R. Ledger) and Ryan Dessing, head golf coach. The personnel report also included the **resignations** of: Jennifer Leskovisek, MJH 8th grade volleyball coach; Katrina Sturtevant, SVHS head volleyball coach and freshman softball coach; and Katrina Sturtevant, district substitute teacher. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion: A motion was made by Larson, seconded by King, to approve Steve Stewart, Meridian CUSD #223 Activities Director, 1/2/2008 to fill the position of freshman boys basketball coach due to lack of applicants. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion from closed session

A motion was made by Jagielski, seconded by Bonne, to approve the Memorandum of Understanding regarding extended contracts for Agriculture teachers. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn

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

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Fruin, Secretary