

# **Meridian Community Board Minutes**

## **Minutes of a Regular School Board Meeting of February 28, 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 Vice President Barb Reeverts at 7:00 p.m. in the Meridian District Board of Education Room located in the Meridian Junior High. Members present: Bonne, King and Larson. Superintendent Prusator and Director of Business/HR Porter were also present. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Mr. Glendenning arrived immediately after the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Consent Agenda**

A motion was made by Larson, seconded by Glendenning, to approve the consent agenda including the minutes of the February 14, 2008 board meeting; payrolls for March 5, 2008 and March 20, 2008; accounts payable for February (per review by Steenken); Elementary (k-5) mathematics textbook adoption for EnVision Math; and the 2007-2008 Certified Teacher Seniority List. The consent agenda also included adopting the following policy recommendations: 2:170; 4:120; 5:270; 5:290; 6:145; 6:310; 4:170 AP; 8:20; 8:20 AP and approve the following policy for 2<sup>nd</sup> reading: 2:260; 4:60; 4:110; 4:110 AP; 4:160 AP; 5:10; 5:250; 5:330; 6:20; 6:60; 6:320; 7:20; 7:70; 7:180; 7:220 and 7:220 AP. Ayes: Bonne, Glendenning, King, Larson and Reeverts. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Superintendent's Report**

Mr. Prusator provided a brief background on recent legislation that allows counties to impose a sales tax for the purpose of generating funds for school facilities. Mr. Prusator reviewed the manner in which the tax can be brought forward for a county vote.

Mr. Jagielski arrived at 7:10 p.m.

### **Notices and Communications**

Mr. Prusator stated that letters were delivered to the district for each board member and asked that the board members pick them up after the meeting.

### **Community Input**

There was no Community Input.

### **Old Business**

#### **8.1 Review/approve Meridian CUSD #223 District Long Range Vision**

At the board meeting on February 14, 2008, the School Board reviewed and modified the draft of the District Long Range Vision Statement that was established on January 26, 2008. Mr. Prusator invited board comments. Discussion followed.

**Motion:** A motion was made by Bonne, seconded by Glendenning, to approve the Meridian CUSD #223 Long Range Vision Statements as amended per discussion. Ayes: Glendenning, Jagielski, King, Larson, Bonne and Reeverts. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **8.2 Establish Plan for April 3, 2008 Meridian CUSD #223 Community Focus Groups**

Dr. Brad Hawk, who served as facilitator at the January 26, 2008 special board meeting regarding the Long Range Vision Statements, gave a power point presentation on Community Focus Groups which assisted the Board in preparing for the focus group sessions scheduled for April 3, 2008. The School Board discussed various components of the focus group session with Dr. Hawk. School Board members and administrators will submit names for a cross section of community members who will be invited.

## **New Business**

9.1 **Review/approve resolution to appeal the Ogle County Board of Review's 2007 decision on the Veolia Orchard Hills Landfill to the Illinois Property Tax Appeal Board (PTAB)**

Mr. Prusator relayed that Attorney Stu Whitt recommended passing the resolution which would provide the School Board the opportunity to appeal the decision of the Ogle County Board of Review's decision to assess the 2007 Veolia Orchard Hills Landfill at approximately \$8.6 million. The County Assessor had placed the assessed value of the landfill at over \$12 million.

**Motion:** A motion was made by Glendenning, seconded by Bonne, to waive the reading of and approve the resolution as presented. Ayes: Jagielski, King, Larson, Bonne, Glendenning and Reeverts. Motion carried unanimously.

9.2 **Review/approve Drivers' Education car bid**

Mrs. Porter stated that this was the re-bid for one drivers' education car. Three vendors submitted bids. The administration recommends awarding the bid to Brian Bemis Auto Mall for a 2008 Pontiac G6 Sedan at a total net purchase price of \$14,420.00.

**Motion:** A motion was made by King, seconded by Jagielski, to award the bid for one new drivers' education car to Brian Bemis Auto Mall for a total net purchase price of \$14, 420.00. Ayes: King, Larson, Bonne, Glendenning, Jagielski and Reeverts. Motion carried unanimously.

## **Board Comments**

Mr. Jagielski commended the bus drivers for doing a good job this winter with all of the snow we have had. Comments were made on upcoming events and activities, as well as, on high school course scheduling and eligibility.

## **Closed session**

There was no closed session.

## **Adjourn**

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Donna Fruin, Secretary