

## **Meridian Community Board Minutes**

### **Minutes of a Regular Board Meeting of February 12, 2009**

#### **Call to Order**

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of Meridian Community Unit School District #223 was called to order by Vice President Reeverts at 7:00 p.m. in the Meridian District Board of Education Room located in the Meridian Junior High. Members present: Bonne, Jagielski and King. Superintendent Prusator and Director of Transportation Sherman were also present. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Mr. Glendenning arrived at 7:04 p.m.

Mr. Larson arrived at 7:06 p.m.

#### **Consent Agenda**

A motion was made by Glendenning, seconded by King, to approve the consent agenda including the minutes of the January 22, 2009 regular board meeting; January 21 and January 28, 2009 District Dashboard (Monitoring) Committee meetings; February 4, 2009 Eligibility Committee meeting; payroll of February 20, 2009; and accounts payable for February 2009 in the amount of \$370,848.42 per review by Mr. Glendenning. Ayes: Bonne, Glendenning, Jagielski, King, Larson and Reeverts. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **Superintendent's Report**

##### **5.1 2009 School Board Election**

Mr. Prusator reported that five candidates returned petitions to get on the ballot for the April 7, 2009 election. Four seats are available. The candidates are as follows: Kevin Glendenning, Tim Jagielski, Robert Mellon, Steven Pierce and Ronald Steenken.

##### **5.2 Meridian CUSD #223 Transportation Report**

Jeff Sherman, Director of Transportation, presented a Meridian CUSD #223 Transportation Report. He covered topics which included the following: elementary and high school/junior high ride times; student counts, overcrowding and bus capacity; transportation communication; and recommendations for the 2009-2010 school year.

The Board thanked Mr. Sherman for his informative report.

#### **Notices and Communications**

There were no Notices and Communications.

#### **Community Input**

There was no Community Input.

## **Old Business**

### **8.1 Adopt Board Policy Section 2 – School Board**

The School Board has reviewed and made changes to Section 2 of the School Board Policy Manual for the past several meetings. The Board also reviewed Section 2 with a consultant of the Illinois Association of School Boards.

#### **Motion:**

A motion was made by Jagielski, seconded by Bonne, to adopt Section 2 of the Board policy as presented. Ayes: Glendenning, Jagielski, King, Larson, Bonne and Reeverts. Motion carried unanimously.

### **8.2 Review Draft of Meridian CUSD #223 Dashboard (Monitoring) Instrument**

A committee composed of Superintendent Prusator, Ron Steenken, Kevin Glendenning and Bruce Larson met twice during January to establish a District Dashboard to monitor District performance. The Board reviewed and discussed the draft of the Dashboard. It is expected that the Dashboard will be recommended for approval at the March meeting.

### **8.3 2008-2009 District Improvement Plan Update**

Mr. Prusator provided an update of the 2008-2009 District Improvement Plan. He reviewed the goals and activities targeted to assist the District in meeting its Long Range Vision components.

### **8.4 Review/plan for and consider scheduling Community Focus Group Session for April**

The Board discussed and made plans for the District's third Community Focus Group Session. It was decided to hold the next meeting on Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Prusator asked board members to consider what topics to cover at this session; and to consider what community members to invite.

## **New Business**

### **9.1 Review proposed 2009-2010 School Calendar**

Mr. Prusator reviewed the proposed 2009-2010 School Calendar. The calendar is developed in conjunction with the Byron and Oregon School Districts because of shared programs.

## **Board Comments**

There were no Board Comments.

## **Adjourn to Closed Session**

A motion was made by Bonne, seconded by King, to adjourn to closed session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific

employees of the district; the setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the district; and possible litigation. Motion carried unanimously. Time: 9:15 p.m.

**Reconvene in Open Session**

A motion was made by Bonne, seconded by Jagielski, to return to open session. Motion carried unanimously. Time: 10:20 p.m.

**Board Action from Executive Session**

**Approve minutes of the January 22, 2009 executive session**

A motion was made by Jagielski, seconded by Glendenning, to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2009 executive session. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board authorized the IBPSC committee members to negotiate the following three issues: kindergarten FTE, Lorado Taft, and hourly teacher salary for summer school.

**Adjourn**

A motion was made by Larson, seconded by Glendenning, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Donna Fruin, Secretary

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### Minutes of a Special Board Meeting of February 7, 2009

#### **Call to Order**

A special meeting of the Board of Education of Meridian Community Unit School District #223 was called to order by President Ron Steenken at 8:00 a.m. in the Meridian District Board of Education Room located in the Meridian Junior High School for the purpose of continuing the review of the Meridian School Board Self-evaluation with a representative from the Illinois Association of School Boards.

#### **Roll Call**

Members present: Jagielski, King, Larson and Reeverts. Superintendent Prusator was also present.

#### **Adjourn to Closed Session**

A motion was made by Reeverts, seconded by Jagielski, to adjourn to closed session to discuss Self-Evaluation with a representative from the Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB). Motion carried unanimously.

#### **Return to Open Session**

A motion was made by Reeverts, seconded by Larson, to return to open session.

#### **Adjourn**

A motion was made by Jagielski, seconded by Steeken, to adjourn the meeting.  
Time: 11:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Bob Prusator, Superintendent