

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

Minutes of a Regular School Board Meeting of January 25, 2007

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of Meridian Community Unit School District #223 was called to order by President Ron Steenken on January 25, 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, Jagielski, Janes, Larson, and Reeverts. Superintendent Prusator and Principal Mandzen were also present. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

A motion was made by Bonne, seconded by Jagielski, to approve the consent agenda including the minutes of the January 11, 2007 regular board meeting and the payroll of February 5, 2007. Ayes: Bonne, Glendenning, Jagielski, Janes, Larson, Reeverts and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Prusator recognized Bill Polasky, SVHS history teacher, for earning the National Board Certification for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS). Mr. Prusator stated that Mr. Polasky demonstrates a high level of excellence in teaching and the district's students have benefited from his program. Mr. Prusator reviewed a handout of the process to achieve this award. Mr. Prusator presented Mr. Polasky with a certificate and pin from the district. Mr. Polasky was also presented with a certificate and pin from the state from his mentors. Mr. Polasky thanked the district, board, and community. There was a short recess to congratulate Mr. Polasky.

Mr. Prusator reviewed the January 18, 2007 Ogle County Board of Review Hearing on Veolia (Orchard Hills Landfill) 2006 Assessment Appeal. He stated that Mr. Glendenning also attended the hearing. Mr. Prusator reviewed that the district's legal counsel argued for an increase in the assessed value of the Orchard Hills Landfill due to an expansion of the landfill. He also relayed that attorneys representing Veolia argued for a decreased assessment of the property. Mr. Prusator said that the assessed value would probably remain unchanged until the Property Tax Appeal Board (PTAB) rules on the 2003 assessment.

Building principal reports were available at board members' seats.

There were no Notices and Communications.

There was no Community Input.

Mr. Prusator handed out the Meridian CUSD #223 Certified Teacher Seniority List for 2006-2007. The list will be distributed to each building and will be available for teachers to check for accuracy.

Mr. Prusator reviewed the central office organizational structure and consideration of additional staffing in the district office. Mr. Prusator handed out and reviewed district and building organizational charts. Discussion followed on what additional district office staffing was needed, title of the positions, qualifications and duties. The Board reviewed the responsibilities of an additional supervisory position to include responsibilities in the area of business and human resource. Mr. Prusator also reviewed a job description for a support staff position for the district office, which focused on human resource and personnel responsibilities. There was also discussion on a proposed timeline for its implementation.

Under Board Comments, Mr. Glendenning stated the NBPTS Award was a great achievement for Mr. Polasky and the school district.

A motion was made by Jagielski, seconded by Reeverts, to adjourn to closed session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the district. Ayes: Glendenning, Jagielski, Janes, Larson, Reeverts, Bonne, and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously. Time: 9:21 p.m.

A motion was made by Janes, seconded by Bonne, to return to open session. Motion carried unanimously. Time: 9:41 p.m.

A motion was made by Bonne, seconded by Janes, to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2007 executive session. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Jagielski, seconded by Reeverts, to accept the resignation of Anna Standard, AM/PM bus driver effective February 3, 2007. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Fruin, Secretary