

Meridian Community Board Minutes

Regular School Board Meeting of January 28, 2010

Call to Order

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of Meridian Community Unit School District #223 was called to order by President Ron Steenken at 7:04 p.m. in the Meridian District Board of Education Room located in the Meridian Junior High School. Members present: Glendenning, Jagielski, Larson, Mellon and Reeverts. Superintendent Prusator and Director of Business/HR were also present. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Consent Agenda

Item 4.3 approve accounts payable for January per review by Mr. Kevin Glendenning was removed from the consent agenda.

A motion was made by Mellon, seconded by Reeverts, to approve the consent agenda including the minutes of the January 14, 2010 regular board meeting with the requested addition and the payroll for February 5, 2010. Ayes: Glendenning, Jagielski, Larson, Mellon, Reeverts and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Prusator reviewed the January 28, 2010 Ogle County Board of Review Hearing on Veolia (Orchard Hills) Landfill. A decision should be rendered in a few weeks.

Notices and Communications

Mr. Prusator had distributed the IASB Constitution and Position Statements.

Community Input

Karen Marsh stated she was just waiting for the decision on combining of hours when an employee works multiple positions.

Mrs. Porter introduced Sandy Baker, the new Director of Transportation, and reviewed her years of experience. The Board took a few minutes to welcome Mrs. Baker.

Old Business

- 8.1 Review/approve modifications to Board Policy 5:330 for 12 month ESP (vacation days and attendance incentives)
Mr. Prusator reviewed the new modifications to Policy 5:530 for 12 month ESP. Discussion followed. Section H regarding Medical, Dental and Life insurance will go to the policy committee for review.

Motion:

A motion was made by Mellon, seconded by Jagielski, to approve the modifications to Board Policy 5:330 for 12 month ESP as written. Ayes: Jagielski, Larson, Mellon, Reeverts, Glendenning and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business

9.1 Present/review/discuss seniority list for 2009-2010 (certified staff only)

The 2009-2010 Certified Seniority list was available for review. Per the Collective Bargaining Agreement, the seniority list must be published by the School Board by February 1st of each year. Each teacher will have thirty calendar days to file written objections to his/her ranking. The seniority list will be recommended for approval at the February 25, 2010 board meeting.

9.2 Preliminary review of 2010-2011 school year calendar

Mr. Prusator reviewed the proposed 2010-2011 school year calendar that is designed to be compatible with the Byron, Oregon and Winnebago school districts because of shared programs. Discussion followed. The calendar will be reviewed over the next month. It is expected to be approved at the February 25, 2010 board meeting.

9.3 Review Positive Behavior Intervention Solutions (PBIS)

One of the components of the District's Improvement plan is to have a Pre-K through 12th grade student discipline program in place. Board members were briefly given a report on the program called PBIS which administration has implemented in the MJH as a program to meet that goal. Board members discussed and shared concerns about the PBIS program and its implementation. Some board members asked how a major program such as PBIS was instated without board input or approval. The Board will be given further information on PBIS at the February 11, 2010 board meeting where the MJH staff will give a presentation and review their experience with PBIS. The Board will continue discussion at that time.

Board Comments

Board members had comments regarding disciplinary cases, student suspensions, and registering for classes at SVHS.

Adjourn to Closed Session

A motion was made by Mellon, seconded by Reeverts, to adjourn to closed session to consider information regarding appointment, employment, evaluation or dismissal of an employee and probable litigation. Ayes: Larson, Mellon, Reeverts, Glendenning, Jagielski and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously. Time: 9:52 p.m.

Reconvene in Open Session

A motion was made by Mellon, seconded by Jagielski, to return to open session. Motion carried unanimously. Time: 11:33 p.m.

Board Action from Executive Session

Approve the minutes of the January 14, 2010 Executive Session

A motion was made by Reeverts, seconded by Glendenning, to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2010 executive session. Motion carried unanimously.

Personnel Report

A motion was made by Larson, seconded by Reeverts, to approve the Personnel Report including the **employment** of Sheri Bossany as an individual paraprofessional (Highland-replaces L. Whitmire); Deb Close, as a reading intervention aide (MJH-new position-grant funded); Jen Hall, as the assistant 7th grade girls' basketball coach for the 2009-2010 school year (MJH-due to numbers); Kimberly McKee as a food service cashier (MC-replaces D. Hall); Lucas Miller as a district grounds position (District-replaces J. Vargas); Shannon O'Hare as the assistant 6th grade girls' basketball coach for the 2009-2010 school year (MJH-due to numbers); Tammy Pierson as an individual paraprofessional (Highland-replaces C. Olsen); Julie Weber as a math intervention aide (SVHS-new position-grant funded); Elizabeth Wiegert as junior high play advisor for 2009-2010 (MJH-replaces A. Palmer); Leigh Woolbright as an intervention aide and bus supervisor (Highland-new position-budget priorities-replaces Special Ed Teacher). The Personnel Report also includes the **resignations** of Leta Woolbright, effective December 17, 2009 (Julia Hull-library clerk) and Stephany Fritz, effective January 19, 2010 (District-HR assistant) and the **leaves** of Bruce James, family medical leave of absence effective December 30, 2009 until approximately February 1, 2010 (SVHS-2nd shift custodian); Christa Papke, family medical leave of absence effective April 9, 2010 until May 29, 2010 (MC-4th grade teacher) and Joyce Wills, family medical leave of absence effective January 4, 2010 until January 14, 2010 (MC/District-speech teacher).

Adjourn

A motion was made by Mellon, seconded by Jagielski, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Fruin, Secretary

