

Minutes of a Regular School Board Meeting of July 17, 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 School. Members present: Bonne, Glendenning, Jagielski, King and Larson. Superintendent Prusator and Administrator Porter were also present. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Public Hearing for the issuance of Working Cash Fund Bonds Bond Issuance Notification Act (BINA Hearing)

Mr. Prusator reviewed that the School Board passed a Working Cash Fund Bond resolution at a previous board meeting for the purpose of providing up to \$2,150,000 to purchase land located south of the SVHS campus. The hearing is required to provide the public the opportunity to comment on the bond issue. The hearing notice was published in The Tempo. There were no public comments.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Glendenning, seconded by Bonne, to approve the consent agenda including the minutes of the June 19, 2008 board meeting and FY08 Budget Amendment Hearing; payroll of July 18, 2008 and August 5, 2008; and accounts payable for July 2008 in the amount of \$332,658.11 per review by Mr. Glendenning and Mr. King. Ayes: Bonne, Glendenning, Jagielski, King, Larson and Reeverts. Motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent's Report

Administrator Porter provided a preliminary unaudited review of Fiscal Year 2008. She reviewed the district's major operating funds which include the Education Fund, Operations & Maintenance, Transportation, and Working Cash. Ms. Porter reported that in these funds, revenues exceeded expenditures by over \$1.3 million.

Mr. Prusator stated that Administrator Porter will start work on the FY09 Budget. The tentative budget will be available and put on display at the August 14, 2008 board meeting. The budget will be recommended for adoption at the September 24, 2008 board meeting.

Notices and Communications

Mr. Prusator reported that implementing the Enhancing Education through Technology Grant is on hold until the state finalizes their budget process.

Community Input

There was no Community Input.

Old Business

9.1 Review/approve athletic/activity "safety net" eligibility recommendation

Mr. Prusator reviewed the "safety net" eligibility recommendation. The administration will provide an update in November and a summary at the end of the nine weeks and first semester.

Motion:

A motion was made by Jagielski, seconded by Glendenning, to adopt as an administrative procedure, the eligibility reinstatement safety net component to include a November review and a nine-week evaluation. Ayes: Glendenning, Jagielski, King, Larson, Bonne and Reeverts. Motion carried unanimously.

9.2 Review/place on display Educational Support Personnel policy regarding 26 pay spread for non-twelve month employees

Mr. Prusator and Ms. Porter reviewed the modifications to the Educational Support Personnel policy regarding 26 pay spread for non-twelve month employees. The policy was placed on display and may be acted on at the August 14, 2008 board meetings.

9.3 Review /approve priorities list to consider including in FY09 budget

Mr. Prusator reviewed the changes made to the priorities list to build into the FY09 budget as finances allow.

Motion:

A motion was made by Bonne, seconded by Larson, to approve the FY09 Priorities List as presented. Ayes: Jagielski, King, Larson, Bonne, Glendenning and Reeverts. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business

10.1 Review potential honors program for MJH and SVHS

Mr. Jagielski commented that this topic was brought forth by the community (parents at the Focus group meeting and other parents who have had conversations with him). These parents feel there is a need for an honors program for MJH and SVHS. Mr. Jagielski would like the board to consider/develop an honors program by this time next year.

10.2 Review Property/Liability/Workers' Compensation bids

Administrator Porter introduced Dave Bresnahan from the Horton Group who reviewed the District's property/liability/workers' compensation bids for the 2008-2009 school year. He reviewed the various levels of coverage and the costs. It is anticipated the Board will take action on the bid recommendation at the August 14, 2008 meeting.

10.3 Review/approve bread and milk bid recommendations for 2008-2009 school year

Administrator Porter reviewed the bid process. Only one bid was received for bread. Ms. Porter recommended the Board reject the bread bid and rebid the bread products. There were two bids received for milk. Her recommendation is to award the dairy bid to Werhane Dairy for the 2008-2009 school year.

Motion:

A motion was made by King, seconded by Jagielski, to reject the bread bid and rebid the bread products and to award the dairy bid to Werhane Dairy for the 2008-2009 school year. Ayes: King, Larson, Bonne, Glendenning, Jagielski and Reeverts. Motion carried unanimously.

Board Comments

Under Board comments, Mrs. Reeverts requested an update on the site assessment regarding property the District is considering to purchase. Administrator Porter gave an update on the work being done at the buildings. Mr. Jagielski questioned what the next step is for the vision process. Mr. Larson commented on a possible time for a school board self-evaluation retreat.

Adjourn to Closed Session

A motion was made by Bonne, seconded by King, to adjourn to closed session to discuss the employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the district; collective negotiating matters between the District and its employees and one or more classes of employees. Motion carried unanimously. Time: 9:45 p.m.

Reconvene in Open Session

A motion was made by Larson, seconded by Bonne, to return to open session. Motion carried unanimously. Time: 11:23 p.m.

Board Action from Executive Session

Approve the minutes of the June 19, 2008 Executive Session

A motion was made by Larson, seconded by Jagielski, to approve the June 19, 2008 executive session minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Approve the Personnel Report

A motion was made by King, seconded by Bonne, to approve the personnel report as presented including the **employment** of Alana Bergeson, SVHS Spanish teacher for 2008-2009 (replaces B. Lewis); Jesus Vargas, maintenance worker (replaces D. Pansegrau); and Juan Vargas, MJH 2nd shift custodian (replaces L. Maslin). **Resignations** in the personnel report include Billy Lewis, SVHS Spanish teacher effective end of 2007-2008 school year; Shawn Lewis, SVHS business teacher, effective end of the 2007-2008 school year; Duane Pansegrau, district maintenance worker, effective July 10, 2008; and Pete Reilley, Highland 1st grade teacher, effective end of the 2007-2008 school year. Ayes: Glendenning, Jagielski, King, Larson, Bonne and Reeverts. Motion carried unanimously.

Approve Memorandum of Understanding to Collective Bargaining Agreement with the SVEA regarding payroll schedule

A motion was made by Jagielski, seconded by Glendenning, to approve the Memorandum of Understanding to Collective Bargaining Agreement with the SVEA regarding payroll schedule. Ayes: Jagielski, King, Larson, Bonne, Glendenning and Reeverts. Motion carried unanimously.

Approve appointing Administrator Porter as District Treasurer

A motion was made by King, seconded by Bonne, to approve Jennifer Porter, District Administrator for Business & HR, as the Treasurer effective July 17, 2008 and to recognize Judy VanBriesen for her years of service as Treasurer. Ayes: King, Larson, Bonne, Jagielski and Reeverts. Nays: Glendenning. Motion carried.

Approve ESP annual wage increase for 2008-2009

A motion was made by Jagielski, seconded by King, to approve the 2008-2009 ESP annual wage increase as presented. Ayes: Larson, Bonne, Glendenning, Jagielski, King and Reeverts. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn

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

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Fruin, Secretary