

Meridian Community Board Minutes
August 9, 2007
7:00 P.M.

Minutes of a Regular School Board Meeting of July 19, 2007

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of Meridian Community Unit School District #223 was called to order by Vice President Barb Reeverts on July 19, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the Meridian Board of Education Room located in the Meridian Junior High School. Members present: Bonne, King and Larson. Superintendent Prusator and Director of Business/HR, Jennifer Porter, were also present. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

A motion was made by King, seconded by Bonne, to approve the consent agenda including the minutes of the June 28, 2007 board meeting and FY 07 Budget Amendment Hearing; payroll of July 20, 2007 and August 3, 2007; accounts payable for July 2007 per review by Mr. King; and the catastrophic accident insurance for 2007-2008 school year. Ayes: Bonne, King, Larson and Reeverts. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Prusator handed out and reviewed a tentative preliminary financial review of FY07 that was prepared by Mrs. Porter. Mr. Prusator stated that the unaudited report reflected revenue over expenditures for the fiscal year.

Mr. Prusator stated that the tentative budget for FY08 will be available at the August 9, 2007 board meeting.

Mr. Prusator reminded board members to let him know which of the dates they can attend the Fall Joint Annual Conference scheduled for November 16 – 18 in Chicago.

Mr. Prusator gave a Facility Committee update. He stated the committee met for over a year and explored various options to recommend to the school board. A formal recommendation will be presented at the August 9, 2007 board meeting.

Mrs. Reeverts and Mr. Prusator expressed thanks to the committee for their hard work during the past year.

There were no Notices and Communications.

There was no Community Input.

Mr. Prusator handed out and reviewed the athletic/activity academic eligibility recommendations. The committee wanted to design policies and procedures that would have a positive impact on student achievement. The procedures will be reviewed and evaluated annually to see if they are meeting their goals.

Mr. Jagielski joined the meeting via telephone at 7:40 p.m.

A motion was made by Larson, seconded by Bonne, to adopt the athletic/activity academic eligibility recommendation as presented. Ayes: Jagielski, King, Larson, Bonne and Reeverts. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Prusator recommended the purchase of two additional 77 passenger buses from Midwest Transit. Mr. Prusator reviewed that the Board had approved the purchase of three buses in May and he we wanted to make sure all transportation reimbursement payments from the state came in before recommending the purchase of the additional buses. Mr. Prusator reported that the reimbursement came during the last week of June and was now comfortable recommending the remaining two buses.

A motion was made by King, seconded by Bonne, to approve the purchase of two 77 passenger buses from Midwest Transit. Ayes: King, Larson, Bonne, Jagielski and Reeverts. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Prusator handed out and reviewed a possible list of Superintendent Goals for 2007-2008.

Mr. Prusator reviewed that Mrs. Porter handled the bids for bread and milk. Only Alpha submitted a bread bid. Mrs. Porter wants to have the milk rebid because of the new specifications due to the Wellness Policy.

A motion was made by Bonne, seconded by King, to accept the bread bid from Alpha for the 2007-2008 school year and reject the milk bids which will be sent out for rebid with the new specifications. Ayes: Larson, Bonne, Jagielski, King and Reeverts. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Larson, 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 matters relating to individual students. Ayes: Bonne, Jagielski, King, Larson and Reeverts. Motion carried unanimously. Time: 8:05 p.m.

A motion was made by Bonne, seconded by Larson, to return to open session. Motion carried unanimously. Time: 10:07 p.m.

A motion was made by Larson, seconded by King, to approve the minutes of the June 28, 2007 executive session. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by King, seconded by Bonne, to accept the resignation agreement of Scott Bearrows, Meridian Director of Building and Grounds, effective June 30, 2007. Ayes: Larson, Bonne, Jagielski, King and Reeverts. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Bonne, seconded by Larson, to accept the resignations of Kelly Knoll, Meridian AM/PM bus driver and Jonathon Fowler, SVHS individual student aide. Ayes: Bonne, Jagielski, King, Larson and Reeverts. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Bonne, seconded by King, to adopt resolution for the non-reemployment of Anne Morgart, MJH secretary, for the 2007-2008 school year for reasons other than Reduction in Force. Ayes: Jagielski, King, Larson, Bonne and Reeverts. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by King, seconded by Larson, to approve suggested actions on executive session minutes dated from December 2006 through June 14, 2007 as recommended. Ayes: King, Larson, Bonne, Jagielski and Reeverts. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Fruin, Secretary