

Meridian Community Board Minutes

Minutes of a Regular Board Meeting of July 21, 2011

Call to Order

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of Meridian Community Unit School District #223 was called to order by President Bruce Larson at 7:00 p.m. in the Meridian District Board of Education Room located in the Meridian Junior High School. Members present: Flynn, Glendenning, Smith and Steenken. Superintendent Morelan and District Administrator of Business/HR Porter were also present. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Approve Agenda

A motion was made by Glendenning, seconded by Steenken, to approve the agenda. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Glendenning, seconded by Smith, to approve the consent agenda including the minutes of the June 27, 2011 regular board meeting and June 30, 2011 special board meeting; payrolls of July 22, 2011 and August 5, 2011; and accounts payable for July in the amount of \$336,698.32. Ayes: Glendenning, Smith, Steenken and Larson. Abstain: Flynn. Motion carried.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Morelan expressed his gratitude for the opportunity to serve our district. Dr. Morelan relayed that the district received a Certificate of Recognition based on school year 2010 financial data from the Illinois State Board of Education. Dr. Morelan also relayed that the district received an Early Childhood Block Grant of \$120,000 for FY 2012.

Student Advisory Report

Paxton Abbott welcomed Dr. Morelan to the district. He updated the Board on his proposal for getting new members for the continuation of the Student Advisory Committee.

Notices and Communications

There were no Notices and Communications.

Community Input

Karen Marsh inquired about whether a decision had been made on having board meetings streamed live. A parent asked that her daughter be allowed to attend SVHS her senior year.

Unfinished Business

Review/approve MJH Student-Parent Athletic/Activity Handbook

Mr. Stewart reported that the handbook had been revised as requested.

Motion:

A motion was made by Steenken, seconded by Flynn, to approve the MJH Student-Parent Athletic/Activity Handbook as revised. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

Review/possibly approve Catastrophic Insurance for 2011-2012

This agenda item is tabled until the August 11, 2011 meeting.

Transportation Report

Sandy Baker, Director of Transportation, presented her recommendations for the Transportation Department.

Review update to 2010-2011 Instructional Report

Cheryl Metcalf gave a power point presentation with updated information on the instructional program including recommendations for district priorities and the school years 2011-2012, 2012-2013 and 2013-2014.

Review/approve Architect Contract

Ms. Porter relayed that the contract was still being reviewed by the district's attorneys.

Discussion of district wide problem solving committee

The Board discussed how to proceed with forming a district wide problem solving committee. Dr. Morelan will bring back a recommendation to the Board.

Approve SVHS textbook recommendations

The SVHS recommended textbooks had been on display since the last board meeting.

Motion:

A motion was made by Steenken, seconded by Flynn, to approve the SVHS textbooks as recommended. Ayes: Steenken, Flynn, Glendenning, Smith and Larson. Motion carried unanimously.

Discuss AFR question

Ms. Porter reported that the FY10 report is final and valid.

IASB Conference in November

Mr. Larson reminded board members of the IASB Conference in Chicago on November 18-20. Board members should let the board secretary know if they plan to attend.

Update on bleachers/reserved seating

Mr. Stewart updated the Board on the plan for seating at the football games for the upcoming season. A committee will be formed to bring a recommendation back to the Board regarding the possibility of reserved seating. Mr. Mickle commented that he is suspending the capping of the bleachers for this year and will wait for the committee's recommendation and board approval.

New Business

Discuss Board Retreat with strategic planning

The Board discussed possible dates for a board retreat. A tentative date of July 30th from 8:00 a.m. until noon was set.

Board Comments

Board members welcomed Dr. Morelan to the district. Comments were made on having an open house for Dr. Morelan, the administrator compensation plan and student registration.

Adjourn to Closed Session

A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Flynn, to adjourn to closed session to discuss the employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the district; the placement of student in special education program and other matters relating to individual student; and litigation. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously. Time: 8:59 p.m.

Reconvene in Open Session

A motion was made by Flynn, seconded by Glendenning, to return to open session. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously. Time: 10:40 p.m.

Board Action from Closed Session

Approve closed session minutes of June 27, 2011 and June 30, 2011

A motion was made by Glendenning, seconded by Smith, to approve the minutes of the June 27, 2011 and June 30, 2011 closed sessions. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

Personnel Report

A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Glendenning, to approve the personnel report including the **employment** of Mike Peterson as the head volleyball coach for the 2011-2012 school year (SVHS-replaces B. Lounsbury) and the **resignations** of Kim McKee as a food service cashier (MC) effective at the end of the 2010-2011 school year and Raylene Rzasa as a paraprofessional (MC) effective at the end of the 2010-2011 school year. Ayes: Steenken, Flynn, Glendenning, Smith and Larson. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Steenken, seconded by Flynn, to adjourn the meeting. Ayes: All.
Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Fruin, Secretary