

Meridian Community Board Minutes
June 28, 2007
7:00 P.M.

Minutes of a Regular School Board Meeting of June 14, 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 June 14, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the Meridian Board of Education Room located in the Meridian Junior High School. Members present: Bonne, Glendenning, Jagielski, King and Larson. Superintendent Prusator, Assistant Principal Voltz, and Activities Director Stewart were also present. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

A motion was made by Reeverts, seconded by Bonne, to approve the consent agenda including the minutes of the May 24, 2007 board meeting; the payroll of June 20, 2007; and approve accounts payable for June 2007 per review by Mrs. Barb Reeverts. Ayes: Bonne, Glendenning, Jagielski, King, Larson and Reeverts. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Prusator announced the dates of the IASB/IASA/IASBO 2007 Joint Annual Conference as November 16-18, 2007 in Chicago. Mr. Prusator asked board members to look at their calendars and to try to make plans to attend the conference. Mr. Prusator would registration information in by July.

Mr. Stewart handed out and reviewed the SVHS Athletic Department Summary that included 2006-2007 athletic budget report, anticipated expenditures for boys and girls golf, and 2007-2008 anticipated expenditures for SVHS athletics.

Under Notices & Communications, Mr. Prusator read a thank you note from Diane Bruch for the retirement dinner and watch. He also handed out and reviewed notification of possible negotiation dates from Lynn Adler. Mr. Prusator will check with the district's attorney to see what dates are available for future negotiations dates.

Under Community Input, Sue Miller spoke on behalf of bus drivers regarding the continuation of 26 - pay spread for school attendance only employees. She distributed a handout to each board member.

Mr. Prusator suggested to engage in an interest-based process to solve the issue. He would like to meet with a few bus drivers, district staff, and a board member to work through the issue. Mr. Larson volunteered to be the board representative.

Under Community Input, Thomas Flygare and Bill VanDyke spoke about the cancellation of the advanced placement chemistry course at Stillman Valley High School for the 2007-2008 school year.

Under Community Input, Meg Jagielski, Julie Weber, and Ruth Hearyman commented on the scheduling difficulties with their children at Stillman Valley High School.. They would like the course scheduling process reviewed.

Under Community Input, Julie Weber, President of Meridian Arts Parents, strongly recommended the hiring of an art teacher for the elementary level and drama for SVHS and MJH. She commented that stipends should be implemented and stated that MAP is offering \$1300 for SVHS and \$1300 for MJH toward the stipends.

Dana Kunce presented the annual Library Report. She highlighted the programs held at each of the schools this year. She was extremely proud of the three grants the library received this year and the books/materials purchased through the grants. Mrs. Kunce thanked the board for their support of the libraries.

Mr. Prusator handed out and reviewed the FY07 Budget Amendment Summary. The budget remains on display in the district office. The Budget Amendment Hearing is scheduled for June 28, 2007 at 6:45 p.m. in the boardroom.

Mr. Stewart presented information on boys/girls golf as an extra-curricular at SVHS and drama as an extra-curricular at SVHS and MJH during his Activities Director report.

A motion was made by Jagielski, seconded by Glendenning, to accept the Activities Director's recommendation to add boys/girls golf as an extra-curricular at SVHS and drama as an extra-curricular at SVHS and MJH. Ayes: Glendenning, Jagielski, King, Larson, Bonne and Reeverts. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Prusator reviewed the priorities for 2007-2008. He stated that the identified priorities will be ones that will attempt to be accomplished in the Fiscal Year 2008 budget.

A motion was made by Jagielski, seconded by King, to approve the priorities list for 2007-2008. Ayes: Jagielski, King, Larson, Bonne, Glendenning and Reeverts. Motion carried unanimously.

There was discussion on the Student/Parent Handbook. Mr. Voltz stated that the district's attorney had reviewed the whole handbook. Mr. Voltz handed out and reviewed items that are legally required to be in the handbook.

A motion was made by Bonne, seconded by Reeverts, to approve the SVHS Student/Parent Handbook as presented with addition of legally required notices. Ayes: King, Larson, Bonne, Glendenning, Jagielski and Reeverts. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Showers arrived at 8:10 p.m.

Mrs. Showers reviewed the Meridian CUSD #223 Teacher Mentoring Program. Meridian received a grant through the ROE for the program. The program is to help new first year teachers. There were nine first year teachers in our district matched up with nine very qualified mentors from our district. Mrs. Showers said it was an excellent program and looked forward to continuing it in the future.

Suggested modifications to the Educational Support Staff Policy regarding 26 pay spread for school year only employees was addressed previously after comments under Community Input. A committee to look into the issue will be formed.

Mr. Prusator handed out and reviewed the preliminary school board meeting schedule for 2007-2008. Discussion followed regarding some conflicts with events/programs. Alternative dates were suggested. He will present the revised schedule at the June 28, 2007 board meeting.

Mr. Prusator distributed a board member accounts payable schedule for 2007-2008.

Board members plan to tour the district facilities sometime in September.

A motion was made by King, seconded by Bonne to adjourn to closed session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the district and student disciplinary case and collective negotiating matters between the district and its employees. Ayes: Larson, Bonne, Glendenning, Jagielski, King and Reverts. Motion carried unanimously. Time: 9:55 p.m.

A motion was made by Larson, seconded by Glendenning, to return to open session. Motion carried unanimously. Time: 11:25 p.m.

A motion was made by Jagielski, seconded by Larson, to approve the minutes of the May 24, 2007 executive session as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Larson, seconded by Jagielski, to accept the resignation of Amanda Schwartz, elementary counselor. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by King, seconded by Bonne, to hire Donna Mogge, SVHS guidance counselor. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Bonne, seconded by Larson, to accept the evaluations of spring head coaches as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Bonne, seconded by Jagielski, to accept the resolution for one-year expulsion of student identified as 2007-1. Ayes: Bonne, Glendenning, Jagielski, King, Larson and Reverts. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Fruin, Secretary