

Meridian Community Board Minutes

Minutes of a FY08 Budget Amendment Hearing of June 19, 2008

A special meeting of the Board of Education of Meridian Community Unit School District #223 for the purpose of a Budget Amendment Hearing was called to order by President Ron Steenken on June 19, 2008 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 Reeverts. Superintendent Prusator and Administrator Porter were also present.

There were no community members in attendance.

Mrs. Porter reviewed the final changes from the last meeting.

A motion was made by Reeverts, seconded by Bonne, to adjourn the FY08 Budget Amendment Hearing. Ayes: Bonne, Glendenning, Jagielski, King, Reeverts and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Fruin, Secretary

Minutes of a Regular School Board Meeting of June 19, 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 President Ron Steenken at 7:06 p.m. in the Meridian District Board of Education Room located in the Meridian Junior High School. Members present: Bonne, Glendenning, Jagielski, King and Reeverts. Superintendent Prusator and Administrator Porter were also present. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by King, seconded by Bonne, to approve the consent agenda including the minutes of the June 5, 2008 board meeting; payroll of July 3, 2008; final accounts payable for June 2008 and Fiscal Year 2008 per review by King; adopt the amended FY08 Budget Amendment; authorize transferring up to \$6,000 of accumulated interest from the Working Cash Fund to the Education Fund; authorize transferring up to \$39,000 of accumulated interest plus June interest from the Working Cash Fund to the Operations and Maintenance Fund; authorize transfer of appropriate Education Fund

expenses, not to exceed \$40,000, into the Education Tort (LI) Fund risk management expenses; authorize the transfer of appropriate O & M Fund expenses, not to exceed \$37,000, into the O & M Tort (LI) Fund Risk Management expenses; as per the approved FY08 Budget Amendment, deposit FY08 accumulated interest of up to \$14,000 from the Insurance Reserve Bond into the Education Tort (LI) Fund. In addition, move up to \$25,000 of principal from the fund balance into Education Tort (LI) Fund; close district books for FY08 at the end of the business day on June 30, 2008; establish, effective July 1, 2008, for FY09, a Meridian CUSD 223 Revolving Fund: \$4,000; at Monroe Center School Revolving Fund: \$100; Stillman Valley High School Petty Cash: \$100; Meridian Junior High Petty Cash: \$100; Highland Elementary School Petty Cash: \$100 and a Meridian CUSD 223 Petty Cash Fund: \$100; adopt "Prevailing Wage" resolution for Fiscal Year 2009; approve catastrophic accident insurance for 2008-2009 school year; and approve board meeting schedule for 2008-2009. Ayes: Glendenning, Jagielski, King, Reeverts, Bonne and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent's Report

5.1 Report on Meridian CUSD #223 PTO

Lisa Shaw, President of Meridian CUSD #223 PTO, presented an update on PTO activities for the past year. She reviewed the fundraisers, events and budgets for Highland PTO and Monroe Center PTO. Carrie Britnell and Nancy Schabacker were also present. Mr. Steenken thanked the PTO for their efforts and support.

Mr. Larson arrived at 7:11 p.m. (during the presentation).

5.2 Enhancing Education through Technology Grant Award

Mr. Prusator reviewed an Enhancing Education through Technology Grant in the amount of \$379,916.00 that the ISBE has awarded Meridian CUSD #223. The ISBE awarded 16 grants out of 94 applicants in the state. The goal is to apply technology solutions to improve academic achievement of all students, ensuring that they are technologically literate by the end of the 8th grade.

Notices and Communications

The only Notices and Communications was the letter stating the district received the grant.

Community Input

There was no Community Input.

Old Business

8.1 Review Resolution for County Sales Tax for purpose of school facilities

Mr. Prusator reviewed the County Sales Tax Resolution for the purpose of providing funds for school facilities. In order for the question to be placed on the ballot, School Boards representing 51% of Ogle County students must pass resolutions asking the question be placed on the ballot. Discussion followed.

Motion:

A motion was made by Bonne, seconded by Jagielski, to waive the reading of and approve a resolution requesting the County Board of Ogle County, IL to certify to the County Clerk of Ogle County, the question of imposing a 1% sales tax for school facility purposes for submission to the electors of Ogle County at the general election to be held on the 4th day of November 2008. Ayes: Jagielski, King, Reeverts, Bonne, Glendenning and Steenken. Nays: Larson. Motion carried.

8.2 Review Resolution of Intent to Issue Working Cash Fund Bonds

Mr. Prusator reviewed that passing this resolution would provide the district the authority to borrow funds up to \$2,150,000.00 through Working Cash Fund Bonds. Following this resolution, the School Board will schedule a Bond Issue Notification Act (BINA) hearing at its regularly scheduled meeting on July 17, 2008.

Motion:

A motion was made by Glendenning, seconded by Larson, to waive the reading of and approve a Resolution of Intent to Issue up to \$2,150,000.00 of Working Cash Fund Bonds. Ayes: King, Larson, Reeverts, Bonne, Glendenning, Jagielski and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously.

8.3 Review Athletic/activity eligibility “Safety Net” for 2008-2009

Mr. Prusator reviewed the SVHS eligibility report. The goal of the eligibility requirements was to provide standards that would improve the academic achievement of SVHS students. Discussion followed regarding the “safety net” recommendation. The recommendation will be revised and brought back for the next meeting.

8.4 Review 2008-2009 Priority List

Mr. Prusator reviewed the updated items on the 2008-2009 Priority List that are relative to building the FY09 budget. It is expected that the list will be recommended for approval at the July 17, 2008 board meeting.

8.5 Review status of Education Support Personnel regarding 26 pay spread for non-twelve month employees

Mr. Prusator reviewed the status of suggested modifications to the Educational Support Staff policies on 26-pay spread for non-twelve month employees following a review from the District’s legal counsel. Mr. Prusator said there would probably be a recommendation for a modification to the policy at the next meeting.

New Business

9.1 Review contract with Richard L. Johnson Associates, Inc. for Site Assessment Study

Mr. Prusator reviewed the contract to have Richard L. Johnson Associates, Inc. conduct the process for the Site Assessment Study for the property located south of the high school campus. He stated that it could be done within weeks.

Motion:

A motion was made by Reeverts, seconded by King, to approve the contract with Richard L. Johnson Associates, Inc. for the Site Assessment Study not to exceed \$6500.00. Ayes: Larson, Reeverts, Bonne, Glendenning, Jagielski, King and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously.

9.2 Review team/activity recognition display program in SVHS gym

Mr. Prusator reviewed that wall space in the SVHS main gym is becoming less able to accommodate the number of teams/individuals for public recognition. Mr. Prusator reviewed the status of Activities Director, Mr. Steve Stewart's, recommendation on developing a new public recognition program at the high school. A recommendation will come to the board in July or August.

9.3 Review changes to SVHS Student-Parent Handbook for 2008-2009

Mr. Voltz presented the recommended changes to the SVHS Student-Parent Handbook for 2008-2009.

Motion:

A motion was made by Jagielski, seconded by Bonne, to approve the proposed changes to the SVHS Student-Parent Handbook for 2008-2009 as presented. Ayes: Reeverts, Bonne, Glendenning, Jagielski, King, Larson and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously.

Board Comments

Under Board Comments, Mrs. Reeverts commented that she missed seeing the principals at the board meetings.

Adjourn to Closed Session

A motion was made by Larson, seconded by Glendenning, to adjourn to closed session to discuss the appointment, compensation, discipline, performance of specific employees of the District; the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the District, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired; deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees. Motion carried unanimously. Time: 11:35 p.m.

Reconvene in Open Session

A motion was made by Reeverts, seconded by Bonne, to return to open session. Motion carried unanimously. Time: 12:08 a.m.

Approve the minutes of the June 5, 2008 Executive Session

A motion was made by Bonne, seconded by Glendenning, to approve the June 5, 2008 executive session minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Executive session minutes from December 2007 through June 5, 2008

A motion was made by Glendenning, seconded by Reeverts, to approve suggested actions on executive session minutes dated from December 2007 through June 5, 2008 as recommended. Motion carried unanimously.

Approve the Personnel Report

A motion was made by King, seconded by Bonne, to approve the personnel report including the **employment** of Kathy McCarey, SVHS science teacher for the 2008-2009 school year (replaces Mork); Bran-Dea Metzler, SVHS English teacher for the 2008-2009 school year (replacing Bondavalli); John Finley, technology technician (District-LeDoux/Minkwitz); Ryan Dessing, sophomore boys' basketball coach for the 2008-2009 school year (SVHS-Dessing); Steve Nerovich, assistant soccer coach for the 2008-2009 school year (SVHS – Mueller); and Tamara Wood, assistant softball coach for the 2008-2009 school year (SVHS-Bukoski). **Resignations** in the personnel report include Shannon Meehan, MC school counselor, effective end of the 2007-2008 school year and Arthur LeDoux, district technology technician/student worker, effective June 27, 2008. Ayes: Larson, Reeverts, Bonne, Glendenning, Jagielski, King and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously.

Approve Administrator Performance stipend for 2007-2008

A motion was made by Larson, seconded by Jagielski, to approve the administrator performance stipend as presented. Ayes: Reeverts, Bonne, Glendenning, Jagielski, King, Larson and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn

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

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Fruin, Secretary