

Meridian Community Board Minutes

Interfund Transfer Resolution Hearing: June 24, 2010, 7:00 p.m.

An Interfund Transfer Resolution Hearing was called to order by President Ron Steenken at 7:00 p.m. in the Meridian District Board of Education Room located in the Meridian Junior High School. Members present: Glendenning, Jagielski, Mellon and Reeverts. Superintendent Prusator and District Administrator for Business & HR Porter were also present.

Ms. Porter explained that a hearing needed to be conducted before a resolution could be passed in order to transfer funds (\$50,239.00) from the Transportation Fund to the Operations and Maintenance Fund. A motion for approval will be part of the consent agenda.

Motion to adjourn the hearing

A motion was made by Mellon, seconded by Jagielski, to adjourn the Interfund Transfer Resolution Hearing. Ayes: Glendenning, Jagielski, Mellon, Reeverts and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously.

Regular School Board Meeting of June 24, 2010

Call to Order

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of Meridian Community Unit School District #223 was called to order by President Ron Steenken at 7:04 p.m. in the Meridian District Board of Education Room located in the Meridian Junior High School. Members present: Glendenning, Jagielski, Mellon and Reeverts. Superintendent Prusator and District Administrator of Business & HR Porter were also present. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Steenken, seconded by Mellon, to approve the consent agenda including the minutes of the June 10, 2010 regular board meeting; payrolls of June 25, 2010 and July 9, 2010; accounts payable for June 2010 in the amount of \$337,299.62 per review by Mr. Steenken; Interfund Loan Resolution from Working Cash Fund to Transportation Fund; Interfund transfer of \$50,239.00 from Transportation Fund to Operations and Maintenance Fund as per FY 10 budget for Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issue; authorize transferring accumulated interest plus June interest from the Working Cash Fund to the Operations and Maintenance Fund; authorize transfer of appropriate Education Fund expenses into the Tort Fund Risk Management expenses; authorize the transfer of appropriate O & M Fund expenses into the Tort Fund Risk Management expenses; close the district books for FY10 at the end of the business day on June 30, 2010; establish, effective July 1, 2010, for FY11, a Meridian C.U.S.D. Revolving Fund: \$4,000; a Monroe Center School Revolving Fund: \$100; Stillman Valley High School Petty Cash: \$100; Meridian Junior High School Petty Cash: \$100;

Highland Elementary School Petty Cash: \$100 and a Meridian C.U.S.D. #223 Petty Cash Fund: \$100; "Prevailing Wage" Resolution for Fiscal Year 2011; and approve board meeting schedule for 2010-2011. Ayes: Jagielski, Mellon, Reeverts, Glendenning and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent's Report

There was no Superintendent's Report.

Notices and Communications

Mr. Prusator relayed that he had received the mailing for the IASB Annual Conference. Discussion followed and centered on whether this is an expense the board can cut.

Community Input

Karen Marsh thanked Mr. Prusator for keeping her informed about the combining of hours, but expressed her disappointment in not being hired for the summer.

Old Business

8.1 Review/approve 2010-2011 Catastrophic insurance coverage

Mr. Prusator provided information to the board about the history and rationale for purchasing the coverage. He also shared information gathered after meeting with the district's insurance consultant.

Motion:

A motion was made by Steenken, seconded by Reeverts, to approve the renewal for the catastrophic accident insurance for 2010-2011 as proposed. Ayes: Reeverts, Jagielski, Mellon and Steenken. Nays: Glendenning. Motion carried.

8.2 Review/approve school lunch prices for 2010-2011

Mrs. Reber, Director of Food Services, reviewed the proposed school lunch price increases and the recommendation to establish pricing that is in line with the increased costs of food supplies.

Motion:

A motion was made by Mellon, seconded by Jagielski, to approve the proposed 2010-2011 school lunch increases, but to modify the adult lunch from \$2.00 to \$2.75. Ayes: Mellon, Reeverts, Glendenning, Jagielski and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business

9.1 Review changes to Meridian Junior High Handbook

Mr. Davidson reviewed the proposed changes to the Meridian Junior High Handbook. It is anticipated that the recommendation on the handbook will be made at the July meeting.

9.2 Review status of Meridian Transportation Department vehicle replacement schedule

Ms. Porter reviewed the status of vehicle replacement providing information on the vehicle needs of the Transportation Department and the potential timeline for recommending new purchases. Ms. Porter recommends tabling this agenda item until the July meeting. Mr. Jagielski commented on the possibility of the District reducing and/or consolidating the number of bus stops on routes to reduce cost and establish greater efficiency, including, but not limited to, requiring students living within the corporate limits of a municipality and attending a district school within that municipality to walk to that school, with appropriate highway crossing supervision, and consolidating bus stops in major subdivisions to 2-4 stops.

Board Comments

Board comments included questions on summer school and the need to engage a comprehensive assessment of all programs for the 2011-2012 school year, including summer school which is not a mandated program. Comments were also made regarding supplies and items for classrooms, a request for a report on how SVHS is administering the eligibility policy, and an update on the presentation made by Randy Oberembt.

Adjourn to Closed Session

A motion was made by Mellon, seconded by Reeverts, to adjourn to closed session to discuss the appointment, compensation, discipline, performance of specific employees of the District; deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees. Ayes: Glendenning, Jagielski, Mellon, Reeverts and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously. Time: 9:20 p.m.

Reconvene in Open Session

A motion was made by Reeverts, seconded by Mellon, to return to open session. Ayes: Mellon, Reeverts, Glendenning, Jagielski and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously.

Board Action from Closed Session

Approve the minutes of the June 10, 2010 executive session

A motion was made by Jagielski, seconded by Mellon, to approve the minutes of the June 10, 2010 executive session. Ayes: Reeverts, Jagielski, Mellon, and Steenken. Abstain: Glendenning. Motion carried.

Approve the suggested actions for the executive session minutes from December 2009 through June 10, 2010 and approve destroying closed session audio recordings for fiscal years 2007 and 2008 per board policy 2:220

A motion was made by Reeverts, seconded by Jagielski, to approve the suggested actions for executive session minutes from December 2009 through June 10, 2010 as recommended and destroy the closed session audio recordings for fiscal years 2007 and 2008 per board policy 2:220. Ayes: Glendenning, Jagielski, Mellon, Reeverts and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously.

Personnel Report

A motion was made by Glendenning, seconded by Mellon, to approve the personnel report including the **employment** of Ashok Emmanuel as a Social Science teacher (SVHS-replaces Michael Nielson); **employment re-hires of educational support staff** including at Highland: Midge Haas, individual aide for the 2010-2011 school year; Sheri Bossany, individual aide for the 2010-2011 school year; Tammy Pierson, noon hour aide for the 2010-2011 school year; and Anne Messer, noon hour aide for the 2010-2011 school year. The **employment re-hires of educational support staff** for Monroe Center include: Deb Sweeney, individual aide for the 2010-2011 school year; Julia Mussel, individual aide for the 2010-2011 school year; Carla Duschen, individual aide for the 2010-2011 school year; Raylene Rzasa, individual aide for the 2010-2011 school year; Renee Szymanski, individual aide for the 2010-2011 school year; Tara O'Hare, individual aide for the 2010-2011 school year, Rachel DeVries, 4th grade literacy aide for the 2010-2011 school year; Deb Lawson, 5th grade literacy aide for the 2010-2011 school year and Kathy Niemczyk, noon hour aide for the 2010-2011 school year. The **employment re-hires of educational support staff** for MJH include: Stacy Barker, individual aide for the 2010-2011 school year; Laura McNames, individual aide for the 2010-2011 school year; Deb Castle, 6th grade special education aide for the 2010-2011 school year; and Trudy Hoey, 7th grade special education aide for the 2010-2011 school year. The **employment re-hires of educational support staff** for SVHS include: Kim Ray, special education aide for the 2010-2011 school year; Jim Miller, special education aide for the 2010-2011 school year; and Dana Rohr, special education aide for the 2010-2011 school year. The **employment re-hires of certified staff** for Highland include: Jacqui Goodman, kindergarten teacher for the 2010-2011 school year and Angel Ballard, kindergarten teacher for the 2010-2011 school year. The **employment re-hire of certified staff** for Monroe Center is Julie Boelkins, kindergarten teacher for the 2010-2011 school year. The personnel report also includes the **leave** of Jennifer Tompkins, on FMLA leave, approximately beginning September 27, 2010 and ending approximately December 6, 2010 (MC – third grade teacher).

Ayes: Jagielski, Mellon, Reeverts, Glendenning and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Glendenning, seconded by Mellon, to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Fruin, Secretary