

# **Meridian Community Board Minutes**

## **Minutes of a Regular Board Meeting of June 9, 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. Members present: Flynn, Glendenning, Mellon and Smith. Superintendent Prusator and District Administrator of Business/HR Porter were also present. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

### **Approve Agenda**

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

### **Consent Agenda**

A motion was made by Glendenning, seconded by Mellon, to approve the consent agenda including the minutes of the May 26, 2011 board meeting and payroll of June 10, 2011. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Superintendent's Report**

#### **Annual Library Report**

Dana Brooks presented the annual library report highlighting the programs and circulation statistics at Highland, Monroe Center and Meridian Junior High.

#### **End of year instructional programming report**

Cheryl Metcalf gave a power point presentation on the status of the instructional programming in the district and preparing for the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

### **Student Advisory Report**

Kayla Acton and Paxton Abbott reported on their continued pursuit of Latin Honors and their process to get new members for the continuation of the Student Advisory Committee.

### **Notices and Communications**

Mr. Prusator received a letter from the IASB regarding the 2010-2011 Master Board Member Activities Summary reminding board members to complete and return the summaries by July 29, 2011.

### **Community Input**

Lauren Miles spoke regarding an advisor for Student Council. Donna Fruin asked if a committee could be formed for support staff to share ideas, questions or concerns.

### **Unfinished Business**

#### **Finalize transition to a 4.0 grade point system at SVHS**

The Board continued discussion on the transition from an 11.0 grade point system to a 4.0 grade point system at SVHS.

### Review/possibly approve SVHS Coaches' Handbook

#### **Motion:**

A motion was made by Mellon, seconded by Flynn, to accept the SVHS Coaches' Handbook as written. Ayes: Mellon, Flynn, Glendenning and Larson. Abstain: Smith. Motion carried.

### **New Business**

#### Review draft of 2011-2012 board meeting dates

The Board reviewed the draft of the 2011-2012 school board meeting dates. Board members will notify Mr. Prusator of any suggested changes before its adoption at the next regular meeting.

#### Review 2011-2012 Meridian Junior High Student-Parent Athletic/Activity Handbook

The Board briefly reviewed the 2011-2012 MJH Student-Parent Athletic/Activity Handbook. Modifications were suggested and asked to be reviewed by staff. Board members were asked to notify Mr. Prusator of any additional suggested changes.

#### Review/possibly renew Catastrophic Insurance for 2011-2012

The Board will continue to discuss the possibility to renew Catastrophic Insurance for 2011-2012 at the next board meeting.

#### Board Comments

Board members commented on the structure/streamlining of the meetings and exploring dates for a board retreat.

#### **Adjourn to Closed Session**

A motion was made by Glendenning, seconded by Mellon, to adjourn to closed session to discuss information regarding the appointment, compensation, discipline, performance of specific employees of the District; and collective negotiating matters between the District and its employees or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees. Ayes: Smith, Flynn, Glendenning, Mellon and Larson. Motion carried unanimously. Time: 9:40 p.m.

#### **Reconvene in Open Session**

A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Glendenning, to return to open session. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously. Time: 11:06 p.m.

After returning to open session, discussion followed on positions for summer, open positions for next school year, and the superintendent search process.

#### **Board Action from Closed Session**

##### Approve minutes of the May 26, 2011 closed session

A motion was made by Glendenning, seconded by Mellon, to approve the minutes of the May 26, 2011 closed session. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

#### Personnel Report

A motion was made by Mellon, seconded by Smith, to approve the Personnel Report including the **employment** of Audra Swenson as the Special Education Teacher Leader for the 2011-2012 school year (SVHS-replaces Mary Forbes); Brennan Crull as the High School Assistant Boys' Basketball Coach for the 2011-2012 school year (SVHS-replaces Brad Winterland); Brent Hall as the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls' Basketball Coach for the 2011-

2012 school year (MJH-replaces Gary Viel). The Personnel Report includes the **resignations** of Susan Hager effective at the end of the 2010-2011 school year as the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls' Volleyball Coach (MJH); Paul Logan effective at the end of the 2010-2011 school year as the Freshman Boys' Basketball Coach (SVHS); Dawn Kruger effective at the end of the 2010-2011 school year as the Kindergarten Teacher Leader (MC); Allison Hickerson effective at the end of the 2010-2011 school year as the PBIS Internal Coach (Highland); Gary Viel effective at the end of the 2010-2011 school year as the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls' Basketball Coach (MJH); and Danna Fleming effective June 7, 2011 as the HR Assistant (District). The Personnel Report includes the **leaves** of Courtney Jones, on FMLA beginning July 27, 2011 and returning on October 3, 2011 (Kindergarten-Highland); Allison Hickerson, on FMLA for six weeks, beginning approximately October 25, 2011 and returning approximately December 6, 2011 (Pre-K – Highland); and the **retirement** of Dale Silberhorn, second shift custodian, beginning June 3, 2011 (MJH). The Personnel Report also includes the Summer School Staff of Gerald Beck, teacher at SVHS, June 6-July 1; Noah Hansen, teacher at SVHS, June 6-July 1; Sara Hoovler, teacher at SVHS, June 6-July 1; Eric Swenson, teacher at SVHS, June 6-July 1; Deb Close, teacher at MJH, June 7-June 30; Shelly Bearrows, dispatcher- transportation, June 1-July 8; Sue Miller, bus driver – transportation, June 6-July 1; Jodi Shepard, bus driver – transportation, June 6-July 1; Sharon Tyler, special education bus driver – transportation, June 6-July 8; and Dena Peterson, Special Education Bus Aide – transportation, June 6-July 8. Ayes: Mellon, Smith, Flynn, Glendenning and Larson. Motion carried unanimously.

#### Approve one year contract with SVEA

A motion was made by Mellon, seconded by Glendenning, to approve the one year contract with the SVEA pending review by legal council. Ayes: Smith, Flynn, Glendenning, Mellon and Larson. Motion carried unanimously.

#### Adjourn

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Donna Fruin, Secretary