

Meridian Community Board Minutes

Regular School Board Meeting of March 25, 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 7:00 p.m. in the Meridian District Board of Education Room located in the Meridian Junior High School. Members present: Glendenning, Larson, Pierce and Reeverts. Superintendent Prusator and Director of Business/HR Porter were also present. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Glendenning requested that item 4.2 approve minutes of March 18, 2010 Interest Based Problem Solving Committee meeting and item 4.3 approve minutes of March 21, 2010 Finance Committee meeting be removed from the consent agenda.

A motion was made by Glendenning, seconded by Reeverts, to approve the consent agenda including the minutes of the March 10, 2010 regular board meeting; payrolls of April 1, 2010 and April 16, 2010; accounts payable for March 2010 in the amount of \$708,093.57 per review by Mr. Steve Pierce; adoption of Pearson Language Arts textbook for Meridian Junior High; and Stillman High School membership to IHSA for 2010-2011. Ayes: Glendenning, Larson, Pierce, Reeverts and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Glendenning, seconded by Pierce, to approve item 4.2 minutes of the March 18, 2010 Interest Based Problem Solving Committee meeting. Ayes: Pierce, Glendenning and Steenken. Abstain: Larson and Reeverts. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Reeverts, seconded by Pierce, to approve item 4.3 minutes of the March 21, 2010 Finance Committee meeting. Ayes: Pierce, Reeverts and Steenken. Abstain: Glendenning and Larson. Motion carried.

Superintendent's Report

5.1 Update on developing Administrative Procedures for Board Policy Manual

Mr. Prusator commented that the leadership team would be providing documentation to Jackie Griffith from the IASB to use in developing the administrative procedures for Board Policy, which is expected to be completed prior to the 2010-2011 school year.

Notices and Communications

There were no Notices and Communications.

Community Input

After hearing the presentation on the FY 2011 revenue and expenditure and end year fund balance projections and about possible cuts in the District, Carla Capasso-Berg, Patti Cuchiara, Rex McManaway, Barbara McManaway, Michelle Thomason, Angela Hodges and Jason Drake shared their concerns and offered suggestions. Karen Marsh inquired on the status of a decision on combining hours for employees who work several different jobs and benefits. John Smith and Barbara McManaway asked to meet with the Board to get some concerns/issues resolved.

Mr. Glendenning wanted it reflected in the minutes that a certain group has been openly given access to the Board but another group has been denied access. Mr. Larson concurred.

Old Business

8.1 Review District Assessment Policy (6:432)

The IBPSC met on March 18, 2010 and began suggesting "interests" on student grading and assessment. The Board reviewed the suggested "interests". Discussion followed and board members provided some suggestions for additional "interests".

Mr. Jagielski joined the board meeting via telephone at 9:30 p.m.

8.2 Consider scheduling of School Board Self-Evaluation (Policy 2:120)

The Board discussed the possibility of scheduling a Board self-evaluation. Discussion followed regarding what might be the most productive process to utilize.

New Business

9.1 Review FY 2011 revenue and expenditure and end year fund balance projections

Shanae Hinkle, Senior Financial Advisor with PMA, gave a power point presentation on a financial planning program highlighting revenues, expenditures, enrollment projections, staffing assumptions, and some scenarios. The Board reviewed the current plan to utilize fund balances and "belt-tightening" to keep programs in place through the 2010-2011 school year, while also beginning the process to plan for greater cuts for 2011-2012 if funding streams do not improve.

Board Comments

Mr. Pierce commented on the length and structure of the board meetings. Mr. Larson would like to get a clear outline of the purpose of IBPSC.

Adjourn to Closed Session

A motion was made by Pierce, seconded by Reeverts, to adjourn to closed session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, or dismissal of specific employees of the District. Ayes: Reeverts, Glendenning, Jagielski, Larson, Pierce and Mellon. Motion carried unanimously. Time: 10:25 p.m.

Reconvene in Open Session

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

Board Action from Executive Session

Approve the minutes of the March 10, 2010 executive session

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

Personnel

A motion was made by Glendenning, seconded by Pierce, to approve the personnel report including the **employment** of Kathy Dippner, individual paraprofessional 2 days per week (MJH-replaces C. McNeely) and Teresa Hill, individual paraprofessional 3 days per week (MJH-replaces C. McNeely); and the teacher re-hire recommendations for 2010-2011 per list. The personnel report also includes the **leave** of Carol Conderman on a FMLA leave from March 11, 2010 through April 5, 2010 (SVHS-library aide) and **retirement** of Jean Welker, retiring effective May 25, 2010 (Highland-2nd grade). Ayes: Larson, Pierce, Reeverts, Glendenning, Jagielski and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Jagielski, seconded by Pierce, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Fruin, Secretary