

Meridian Community Board Minutes

Minutes of a Regular Board Meeting of May 12, 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 Monroe Center Gymnasium. Members present: Glendenning, Pierce, Smith, Steenken. Superintendent Prusator and District Administrator of Business/HR Porter were also present. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Dr. Flynn and Mr. Mellon arrived after roll call.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Steenken, to approve the consent agenda including the minutes of the April 28, 2011 board meeting; May 2, 2011 special board meeting; Policy Committee Meeting summary of May 3, 2011; and payroll of May 13, 2011. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent's Report

District Bilingual Report

Leslie Showers, Ryan Brown, Pam Loy, Anna Dominguez and Victor Teran gave a power point presentation on the District Bilingual Report highlighting the program and its growth.

ISBE adopted Common Core standards

Mr. Prusator gave an overview of the Common Core Standards adopted by the ISBE.

Status of teacher evaluation tool, process and timeline

Mr. Prusator updated the Board on the status of the new teacher evaluation tool based on the Charlotte Danielson model.

Student Advisory Report

Kayla Acton and Paxton Abbott gave the Student Advisory Report.

Notices and Communications

Mr. Prusator relayed that he received a letter from the State Board on the approved plans for the Technology Grant through 6/30/14.

Community Input

There was no Community Input.

Unfinished Business

There was no Unfinished Business.

New Business

Review/place on display School Board Policy revision recommendations

The Policy Committee is placing the suggested PRESS revisions on display and recommends adoption at the May 26, 2011 meeting.

Board Comments

Mr. Larson reminded Board members about graduation on Sunday. The next meeting with Ray & Associates is scheduled for June 16th at 6:00 p.m.

Adjourn to Closed Session

A motion was made by Mellon, seconded by Pierce, to adjourn to closed session to discuss the employment, compensation, discipline, performance of a specific employee of the District and collective negotiating matters between the District and its employees; student discipline; and litigation. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously. Time: 9:05 p.m.

Reconvene in Open Session

A motion was made by Steenken, seconded by Glendenning, to return to open session. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously. Time: 10:32 p.m.

Board Action from Closed Session

Approve the minutes of the April 28, 2011 closed session

A motion was made by Mellon, seconded by Glendenning, to approve the minutes of the April 28, 2011 closed session. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

Personnel Report

A motion was made by Pierce, seconded by Smith, to approve the Personnel Report including the **employment** of Ray McCracken as head boys' basketball coach (SVHS-replaces Andy Telander); Tracey Brown as a special education teacher (SVHS-replaces Robin Lyons); Dominic Cozzi as a special education teacher (SVHS-replaces Mary Forbes); and Bill Wessel as an assistant boys' soccer coach (SVHS-replaces Steve Nerovich). The Personnel Report also includes the **resignations** of Beth Kleinschmidt effective at the end of the 2010-2011 school year as the Student Council Advisor (SVHS); Sara Hoovler effective at the end of the 2010-2011 school year as Freshman Class Advisor; and Ben Hickerson, effective at the end of the 2010-2011 school year as the 6th grade boys' basketball coach (MJH). Ayes: Smith, Steenken, Flynn, Glendenning, Mellon, Pierce and Larson. Motion carries unanimously.

A motion was made by Steenken, seconded by Pierce, to approve the employment of Mary Margaret Evans as the school nurse (MC-replaces Renee Villa Campos). Ayes: Steenken, Flynn, Mellon, Pierce, Smith and Larson. Abstain: Glendenning. Motion carried.

Before adjourning, the Board discussed mileage reimbursement.

Adjourn

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

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Fruin, Secretary