

# **Meridian Community Board Minutes**

## **Minutes of a regular School Board Meeting of May 22, 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 7:00 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 District Administrator of Business/HR Porter were also present. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

### **Consent Agenda**

A motion was made by Glendenning, seconded by Reeverts, to approve the consent agenda including the minutes of the May 8, 2008 board meeting; payrolls of May 30<sup>th</sup> and June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2008; and authorize the Superintendent to begin preparation of the FY09 Budget. Ayes: Bonne, Glendenning, Jagielski, King, Reeverts and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Superintendent's Report**

#### 5.1 Recognition of SVHS students who earned Illinois State FFA and American FFA Degrees

Mr. Prusator opened by congratulating the students on their great accomplishments which required tremendous commitment and hard work. Jay Williams described the process for receiving the awards. Mr. Steenken presented certificates to Becca DeVries, Beth Myelle, Jade Glendenning, Cindall Marsh and Jordyn Strohman. Lauren Larson and Cassie Glendenning were not able to attend.

The board recessed for a few minutes to congratulate the students.

Mr. Larson arrived at 7:10 p.m.

#### 5.2 Reminder: June board meetings schedule

Mr. Prusator reminded the board that the June board meetings are scheduled for Thursday, June 5<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, June 19<sup>th</sup>.

### **Notices and Communications**

Mr. Prusator reviewed a flyer that was handed out by Mrs. Porter. The flyer announced a Celebration in Recognition of Support Staff for all they do for our students and District 223. Board members are invited to attend the Celebration on Thursday, May 29, 2008 from 12:00-2:00 p.m. at the Transportation Garage.

### **Community Input**

There was no Community Input.

## Old Business

### 8.1 Continued discussion on District Dashboard (data reports)

The Board continued discussion on current and potential items that might be appropriate for the district dashboard. Mrs. Porter shared an example of another district's dashboards that was used as a presentation at the IASBO Conference. Discussion will continue to decide what items should be included for the dashboard.

### 8.2 Continued review of FY08 budget amendment (placed on display May 8, 2008)

Mrs. Porter stated that she continues to work on the budget. Adoption will be at the June 19<sup>th</sup> board meeting.

## New Business

There was no new business.

## Board Comments

Under Board Comments, Mr. Jagielski thanked the board for the plant sent because of his mother's death. Mr. Larson handed out an article, Global Competitiveness Demands Better Education. Mr. Glendenning asked about the latest Joint Library Meeting and the status of pending agreements.

## Adjourn to Closed Session

A motion was made by King, seconded by Jagielski, to adjourn to closed session to discuss the appointment, compensation, discipline, performance of specific employees of the District; and 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. Ayes: Glendenning, Jagielski, King, Larson, Reeverts, Bonne and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously. Time: 8:07 p.m.

## Reconvene in Open Session

A motion was made by Larson, seconded by Bonne, to return to open session. Motion carried unanimously. Time: 10:50 p.m.

## Approve the minutes of the May 8, 2008 Executive Session

A motion was made by Reeverts, seconded by Jagielski, to approve the minutes of the May 8, 2008 executive session. Motion carried unanimously.

## Approve the Personnel Report

A motion was made by King, seconded by Reeverts, to approve the personnel report including the **employment** of Joseph Blume, high school math instructor for the 2008-2009 school year; **resignations** of Kay Mork, SVHS science teacher, effective at end of 2007-2008 school year; Ryan Dessing, SVHS sophomore boys basketball coach, effective at end of 2007-2008 school year; and Jeremy Mueller, SVHS assistant boys soccer coach, effective end of 2007-2008 school year. The personnel report also includes the **family medical leave** of Beth Kleinschmidt, SVHS math teacher, effective April 25,

2008 through May 29, 2008. Ayes: Larson, Reeverts, Bonne, Glendenning, Jagielski, King and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously.

**Approve Contract to Purchase Real Property**

A motion was made by Steenken, seconded by Glendenning, to approve the Purchase and Sale Agreement for 148.84 acres of real property located south of the existing high school campus from Nordic Investments Corp and authorize the Superintendent to sign agreement on behalf of the School Board and negotiate terms and conditions excluding price. Ayes: Reeverts, Bonne, Glendenning, Jagielski, King, Larson and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously.

**Adjourn**

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Donna Fruin, Secretary