

Meridian Community Board Minutes
June 14, 2007
7:00 P.M.

Minutes of a Regular School Board Meeting of May 24, 2007

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of Meridian Community Unit School District #223 was called to order by President Ron Steenken on May 24, 2007 at 7:33 p.m. in the Meridian Board of Education Room located in the Meridian Junior High School following the annual retirement dinner. Members present: Bonne, Glendenning, Jagielski, King, Larson and Reeverts. Superintendent Prusator, Principals Coulahan, Davidson, Mandzen and Zurko, Assistant Principals Voltz and Showers, and Activities Director Stewart were also present. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

A motion was made by Larson, seconded by Jagielski, to approve the consent agenda including the minutes of the May 10, 2007 meeting and the May 16, 2007 special board meeting; payrolls of May 31st and June 5th, 2007; and to authorize the superintendent to begin preparation of the FY08 Budget. Ayes: Bonne, Glendenning, Jagielski, King, Larson, Reeverts and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Prusator reported that Teachers' Institute would be held tomorrow with breakfast being served to staff by the administrators. The program would be on Emergency Response and Crisis Management.

Mr. Coulahan reported that things had gone well at Highland this year. It was a great school year.

Mr. Zurko stated he had a wonderful first year at Monroe Center. The staff implemented a new reading curriculum and initialized the Professional Learning Communities concept. Next year this concept will be taken a step further to include math and across grade level teaming, including special education. Through the success of the "Student Assistance Team" process, no new special education students were identified for the 2006-2007 school year. The "Emergency Response Team" has been busy working on new emergency procedures for the building. The building environment and climate this year has been exciting, welcoming, and full of learning.

Mr. Davidson reported on a good year at MJH. He was pleased with implementation of the Professional Learning Communities. He expressed thanks to the 8th grade team. Only nine 8th graders missed graduation because of grades which is the lowest number in years.

Mrs. Showers expressed thanks for the opportunity to join the administrative team full time. She stated it has been both challenging and enjoyable.

Mr. Mandzen expressed thanks to all of the teachers and staff at SVHS for the wonderful job they did this school year.

Mr. Voltz and Mr. Stewart also expressed thanks for the opportunities given to them this year and look forward to next year.

Mr. Steenken congratulated everyone on a successful year.

There were no Notices and Communications.

There was no Community Input.

Mr. Prusator reviewed the Board Priorities for 2007-2008. Mr. Prusator said the priorities reflect financial commitments the district would need to make which mostly related to increased staffing. He would like to have these adopted in June.

Mr. Voltz handed out a list of the SVHS student handbook committee members and expressed thanks for their time and commitment in serving on the committee. He also handed out and reviewed the proposed changes to the parent-student handbook for 2007-2008. Discussion followed regarding the scholarship status of mid-year graduates. Approval will be at the June 14, 2007 meeting.

Mr. Prusator handed out and reviewed the budget amendment for FY07 and stated that it continues to be on display. Mr. Prusator said he would review it again with any changes at the June 14, 2007 regularly scheduled board meeting.

Mr. Stewart handed out and reviewed his recommendation for additional MJH/SVHS activities for 2007-2008 which includes adding a high school fall play, adding high school boys and girls golf and adding a junior high spring play. Mr. Glendenning requested a cost summary for the program. Mr. Stewart stated he would like to have the School Board approve the additions at the June 14 meeting.

Mr. Prusator handed out and reviewed the recommendation for purchase/lease of buses for 2007-2008.

A motion was made by Jagielski, seconded by Bonne, to purchase three new 2008 International IC/CE 300-77 Passenger buses, extend current lease on activity bus and extend current lease on 24 passenger bus as presented. Ayes: Glendenning, Jagielski, King, Larson, Reeverts, Bonne and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Bonne, seconded by Reeverts, to adjourn to executive session to consider information regarding appointment, employment or dismissal of an employee, student disciplinary hearing, student special education placement or other stated exception to the Open Meeting Act. Ayes: Jagielski, King, Larson, Reeverts, Bonne, Glendenning and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously. Time: 10:05 p.m.

A motion was made by Reeverts, seconded by King, to return to open session. Motion carried unanimously. Time: 11:02 p.m.

A motion was made by Jagielski, seconded by Larson, to approve the minutes of the May 10, 2007 and May 16, 2007 executive sessions. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Glendenning, seconded by Larson, to accept the resignation of Linda Kapusta, Julia Hull Joint Library Director. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Bonne, seconded by Reeverts to approve the building principal evaluation and performance stipends for 2006-2007. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Reeverts, seconded by King, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Fruin, Secretary