

Meridian Community Board Minutes

Minutes of a Regular Board Meeting of May 28, 2009

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. Members present: Glendenning, Jagielski, Mellon, Pierce and Reeverts. Superintendent Prusator, Director of Business/HR Porter and Asst. Principal Voltz were also present. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Steenken, seconded by Glendenning, to approve the consent agenda including the minutes of the May 14, 2009 regular board meeting; May 19, 2009 special board meeting; May 20, 2009 Policy Committee meeting; and May 21, 2009 IBPSC meeting; accounts payable for May 2009 in the amount of \$313,544.81 reviewed by Mr. Larson; payroll of May 29, 2009; and authorization of the superintendent to begin preparation of the FY10 Budget. Ayes: Glendenning, Jagielski, Mellon, Pierce, Reeverts and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Prusator reviewed the summer school program which starts on Monday. He stated that for K-5, twelve teachers are scheduled to work with over 120 students; at MJH, over 30 students are scheduled to attend; and at SVHS, over 40 students are scheduled to attend.

Mr. Prusator relayed that he would like to attend a Professional Learning Conference in St. Louis on June 10-13 which is in conflict with the scheduled June 11th board meeting. The consensus of the board was to move the board meeting to Wednesday, June 17th.

Mr. Prusator reviewed some dates to consider for the Board Self-Evaluation Retreat. The retreat is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, July 11, 2009 from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.

Mr. Larson arrived at 7:10 p.m. during the Superintendent's Report.

Notices and Communications

Mr. Prusator reviewed that the District once again received the 2009 Bright Star Award for educational excellence. The District is one of only 68 Illinois School Districts who received the Award. The award criteria are based on district's whose students' academic performance ranks in the upper one-third of Illinois districts, but whose expenditure per pupil ranks in the lower one-fourth.

Mr. Prusator also reviewed that the district received a \$10,000 renewable energy grant.

Community Input

There was no Community Input.

Old Business

8.1 Review/approve changes to SVHS Parent-Student Handbook

At the last board meeting, Mr. Voltz reviewed recommended changes to the SVHS Parent-Student Handbook. Tonight, he provided a final review and recommendation. Board discussion followed with further revisions being made on the cell phone language. Further discussion will be held on the graduation requirement section.

Motion:

A motion was made by Mellon, seconded by Pierce, to approve changes to the SVHS Parent-Student Handbook as discussed. Ayes: Jagielski, Larson, Mellon, Pierce, Reeverts, Glendenning and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously.

8.2 Review board priorities for 2009-2010

Mr. Prusator reviewed a 2009-2010 Budget Priorities Draft which will be used to help develop the Fiscal Year 2010 Budget. The final recommendation for the FY10 budget is expected to be made in June.

8.3 Review budget amendment for FY09

Mrs. Porter reviewed the FY09 Budget Amendment; and stated that she continues to work on amending the budget. Adoption will be at the last meeting in June.

8.4 Review structure/calendar for Finance Committee

The Finance Committee will consist of Mr. Steenken, Mr. Jagielski, Mr. Larson and Mr. Mellon. Discussion focused on the structure, responsibilities, and calendar of the proposed Finance Committee.

New Business

9.1 Review/place on display SVHS Government textbooks

Mr. Nielsen and Mr. Polasky gave a presentation on the selection recommendation for the SVHS Government textbook. They explained the criteria that determined the selection. The government textbooks will be put on display. The textbooks will be recommended for formal adoption at the next scheduled board meeting.

9.2 Review Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issue with septic system at bus garage

Mr. Mickle reviewed an EPA issue with drainage at the Meridian Bus Garage. He provided potential options to address the problem. Mr. Mickle will bid the project to gain better cost estimation permanently resolving the issue.

Board Comments

Comments were made regarding having staff/community presentations occur toward the beginning of the board meetings. Also suggestions for upcoming board meeting agenda items including: long range facility planning; a facilities committee; block scheduling; and a mentoring policy.

Adjourn to Closed Session

A motion was made by Mellon, seconded by Reeverts, to adjourn to closed 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: Larson, Mellon, Pierce, Reeverts, Glendenning, Jagielski and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously. Time: 10:40 p.m.

Reconvene in Open Session

A motion was made by Glendenning, seconded by Jagielski, to return to open session. Motion carried unanimously. Time: 11:05 p.m.

Board Action from Executive Session

Approve the minutes from the May 14, 2009 and May 19, 2009 executive sessions.

A motion was made by Mellon, seconded by Reeverts, to approve the minutes of the May 14, 2009 and May 19, 2009 closed sessions. Motion carried unanimously.

Personnel Report

A motion was made by Larson, seconded by Jagielski, to approve the personnel report including the **employment** of Laura Henderson, as an English teacher for the 2009-2010 school year (SVHS-replacing B. Metzler); **resignations** of Julia Faber, effective end of 2008-2009 school year (MC-nurse); Janet Hall, effective end of the 2008-2009 school year (MJH-8th grade volleyball coach); Gary Larson, effective April 29, 2009 (SVHS-2nd shift custodian); Dan Lundine, effective end of the 2008-2009 baseball season (SVHS-freshman boys baseball coach); Bob Mellon, effective end of the 2008-2009 basketball season (SVHS-freshman girls basketball coach); and Charles Owen, effective end of the 2008-2009 school year (SVHS-choral teacher & SVHS musical director); and the **family medical leave** of Angela Collins, effective September 7, 2009 until approximately November 30, 2009 (Highland-1st grade teacher).

Adjourn

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

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Fruin, Secretary