

Meridian Community Board Minutes

Minutes of a Regular School Board Meeting of January 10, 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. Members present: Bonne, Glendenning, King, Larson and Reeverts. Superintendent Prusator and Director of Business/HR Porter were also present. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by King, seconded by Larson, to approve the consent agenda including the minutes of the December 20, 2007 board meeting and levy hearing; payroll of January 18, 2008; and accounts payable for January 2008 per review by Mrs. Reeverts. Ayes: Bonne, Glendenning, King, Larson, Reeverts and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Prusator and the Board of Education wanted to publicly recognize the sixteen SVHS seniors who had been named as Illinois State Scholars. He stated that only the top 10% of the state's graduating seniors qualified for this distinction. Mr. Steenken presented certificates to Matthew Hess, Courtney Johnson, Meghan Owen, Bethany Steiner, Kirsten Theden, Nathan VanDyke and Chad Vangsness. Those not in attendance were: Jessica Glendenning, Karri Hess, Nicole Jagielski, Amy Light, Ashley Parks, Jordan Warner, Bailey Weber, Victor Werckle and Christina Winter.

Notices and Communications

Mr. Prusator commented that he received a notice from Ogle County Assessment Supervisor Jim Harrison on the hearing scheduled for January 17, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. He also stated that Mr. Davidson notified him of a grant that Carolyn Timm received from Target for a 7th grade field trip to the Burpee Museum.

Community Input

There was no Community Input.

Old Business

8.1 Review/approve resolution to intervene in the 2007 property assessment appeal filed by Veolia ES Orchard Hills Landfill

Mr. Prusator reviewed background information on the historical and current assessment appeal being filed by Veolia regarding the Orchard Hills Landfill in Davis Junction. Mr. Prusator relayed that the Board of Review is scheduled to conduct the 2007 assessment appeal hearing on Thursday, January 17, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. in the old Ogle County Courthouse. The resolution authorizes Whitt Law to represent the School District at that appeal hearing.

Motion: A motion was made by Larson, seconded by Bonne, to approve the resolution to intervene in the 2007 property assessment appeal filed by Veolia ES Orchard Hills Landfill. Ayes: Glendenning, King, Larson, Reeverts, Bonne and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business

9.1 **Meridian CUSD #223 Mid-Year Report**

Mr. Prusator reviewed the status of goals established for the 2007-2008 school year. The various goals dealt with students, staff, communication with parents, communication with the communities, and a long range vision for the district.

9.2 **Review/consider approving bid for Drivers' Education Car**

Mr. Prusator shared that the current car, a 1996 Dodge Neon with extensive miles, has been having some mechanical issues. Additionally, Mr. Prusator indicated that the new car is mid-size compared to the current compact car. Mrs. Porter sent out invitations to bid to several vendors and a legal notice was published in The Tempo. The recommendation is to award the bid to Krahenbuhl Chrysler Jeep, Inc. for a 2007 Chrysler Sebring at a cost of \$12,950.

Motion: A motion was made by Reeverts, seconded by Bonne, to award the bid for the drivers' education car to Krahenbuhl Chrysler Jeep, Inc. for a 2007 Chrysler Sebring at a cost of \$12,950. Ayes: King, Larson, Reeverts, Bonne, Glendenning and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously.

Board Comments

Ms. Reeverts offered comments on the scheduling for the Saturday, January 26, 2008 special board meeting to work on the District Long Term Vision and bus repair invoices for January.

Adjourn to Closed Session

A motion was made by King, seconded by Reeverts, to adjourn to closed session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the district. Ayes: Larson, Reeverts, Bonne, Glendenning, King and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously. Time: 8:55 p.m.

Reconvene in Open Session

A motion was made by Glendenning, seconded by Bonne, to return to open session. Motion carried unanimously. Time: 9:38 p.m.

Approve the Minutes of the December 20, 2007 Executive Session

A motion was made by Bonne, seconded by Reeverts, to approve the minutes of the December 20, 2007 executive session. Motion carried unanimously.

Approve Personnel Report

A motion was made by Larson, seconded by King, to approve the personnel report including the **employment** of Tara Modrejewski, Highland individual aide (new position); Shari Halsmer, MJH 8th grade English teacher for the balance of the 2007-2008 school year (replaces A. Hayden); and Shannon O'Hare, 6th grade girls' basketball coach (replaces B. Hall). The personnel report also included the **resignation** of Jerry Kissinger, Highland 2nd shift custodian effective 1/5/08; the **transfer** of Duane Pansegrau to position of maintenance and grounds (district open position); and the **military leave** of Thomas Burke effective February 5, 2008 for approximately nineteen weeks (district technology technician). Motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn

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

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Fruin, Secretary