

Meridian Community Board Minutes
May 24, 2007
7:00 P.M.

Minutes of a Regular School Board Meeting of May 10, 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 10, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the Monroe Center Gymnasium. Members present: Glendenning, Jagielski, King and Reeverts. Superintendent Prusator was also present. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

A motion was made by Glendenning, seconded by Jagielski, to approve the consent agenda including the minutes of the April 19, 2007 board meeting, payroll of May 18, 2007, accounts payable for May 2007 per review by Mr. Glendenning, SVHS textbooks placed on display at the April 19, 2007 meeting, and adoption of the final Official 2006-2007 School Calendar. Ayes: Glendenning, Jagielski, King, Reeverts and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Prusator recognized Mr. Matt Eaton as a Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation Award Recipient. Mr. Prusator reviewed the selection process. Mr. Eaton is one of five nationally recognized with this award. Mr. Eaton and his wife traveled to New York City to receive the award at Carnegie Hall in April. Mr. Prusator stated that the district is extremely proud of the work Mr. Eaton does. On behalf of the Board of Education, Mr. Steenken presented an award of excellence and a pin for exemplary service. Mr. Eaton expressed thanks and reviewed his experience in New York City.

The board recessed for ten minutes to offer congratulations to Mr. Eaton.

Mr. Larson arrived at 6:18 p.m.

Mr. Prusator updated the board on the May 24, 2007 board meeting/retirement dinner. He stated the retirees include eight teachers and two support staff. The dinner will be held at SVHS with hors d'oeuvres at 5:00 p.m. and the meal beginning at 5:30 p.m. The board meeting will be held in the boardroom at Meridian Junior High School at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Prusator reviewed the final 2006 EAV and tax levy figures provided by the Ogle County Clerk.

There were no building principal reports.

Under Notices and Communications, Mr. Steenken stated he received a letter from Mary Sassaman who was a past board president for the Stillman Valley School District. Ms. Sassaman shared a budget preparation paper from 1952-53 and thought the current board might find it interesting.

There was no Community Input.

Mr. Prusator updated the board on the Long Range Planning Committee Recommendation. After discussion, the Board requested that the committee provide three options to include the current preliminary recommendation; an option including a new high school; and an option including no new building.

Mr. Prusator reviewed the bids to resurface the SVHS track.

A motion was made by Reeverts, seconded by King, to accept the bid from Athletic Field Services in the amount of \$29,725.00. Ayes: Jagielski, King, Larson, Reeverts, Glendenning and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of the bid recommendations for one-year old school buses was postponed until the next meeting.

Under Board Comments, Mr. Prusator stated that the two days committed to training with representatives from the SVEA for the interest based bargaining process seemed to be productive.

A motion was made by Larson, seconded by Reeverts, to adjourn to executive session to consider information regarding appointment, employment, evaluation or dismissal of an employee, student disciplinary hearing, student special education placement, or other stated exception to the Open Meeting Act. Ayes: King, Larson, Reeverts, Glendenning, Jagielski and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously. Time: 9:15 p.m.

A motion was made by Reeverts, seconded by Larson, to return to open session. Motion carried unanimously. Time: 11:33 p.m.

A motion was made by Jagielski, seconded by Reeverts, to approve the minutes of the April 19, 2007 executive session. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Reeverts, seconded by Jagielski, to accept the resignation of Diane Eubanks, RN nurse and Kim Hofmeister, MJH student council advisor. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Glendenning, seconded by King, to hire Lisa Hilliard, Highland 2nd grade teacher (replaces Akey) and Robin Lyons, SVHS special education teacher (replaces Eyster). Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by King, seconded by Reeverts, to approve the retirement of Butch Kuntzelman, MJH part-time custodian. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Jagielski, seconded by Larson, to adjourn the meeting and reconvene on Wednesday, May 16, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. in the board room at MJH. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Fruin, Secretary