

## **Meridian Community Board Minutes**

### **Regular School Board Meeting of November 10, 2011**

#### **Call to Order**

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of Meridian Community Unit School District #223 was called to order by President Bruce Larson at 7:00 p.m. in the Meridian District Board of Education Room located in the Meridian Junior High School. Members present: Flynn, Glendenning, Mellon, Pierce, Smith and Steenken. Superintendent Morelan, administrators and directors were also present. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

#### **Approve Agenda**

A motion was made by Steenken, seconded by Glendenning, to approve the agenda with the removal of item 6.4, Onyx Litigation to closed session. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **Consent Agenda**

A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Steenken, to approve the consent agenda including the minutes of the October 27, 2011 meeting; payroll for November 23, 2011 and December 9, 2011; and accounts payable for November 2011 per review by Mr. Steenken and Mr. Larson. Ayes: Glendenning, Mellon, Pierce, Smith, Steenken, Flynn and Larson. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **Superintendent's Report**

##### **Moment of Silence**

Dr. Morelan reported that all four schools are required to start out the day with a moment of silence which is required under the law.

##### **Full-time Kindergarten**

Dr. Morelan reported that more time and a comprehensive plan is needed before full-time kindergarten can be implemented.

##### **Proposed Power Plan**

Dr. Morelan wanted to make sure all board members saw the article in the Rockford Register Star regarding an Indiana company wanting to turn methane gas from Veolia into electricity.

##### **School Board Conference**

Dr. Morelan reminded the Board of the IASB/IASA/IASBO Joint Annual Conference on November 18 -20, 2011 in Chicago.

##### **Thanksgiving Dinner**

The annual Thanksgiving Dinner for all employees will be held on Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup>.

### Inclement Weather Procedure

Dr. Morelan reviewed the Inclement Weather Procedure.

Dr. Morelan also commented on a great SVHS Fall Play and extended congratulations to the football team.

### Student Advisory Report

There was no Student Advisory Report.

### Notices and Communications

Dr. Morelan relayed that he received reception invitations from several vendors who will be attending the School Board Convention in Chicago.

### Community Input

Kelly Gale thanked Dr. Morelan for doing an awesome job at the Veteran's Day Program on November 4<sup>th</sup>. Alan Alderks asked if the community could be updated on the Onyx Litigation.

### Unfinished Business

#### Transportation Handbook

Mr. Gaudreau met with the bus drivers on November 1<sup>st</sup>. The handbook is currently in process. It is anticipated that the handbook will be brought back to the board the second meeting in January.

#### Tax Levy

Mr. Gaudreau reviewed tax levy figures and projected EAV for the district. The levy hearing will be held on December 15, 2011.

#### Motion:

A motion was made by Flynn, seconded by Smith, to adopt the tentative levy. Ayes: Mellon, Pierce, Smith, Steenken, Flynn, Glendenning and Larson. Motion carried unanimously.

#### Website Management

Jayce Bolhous gave a power point presentation with two options for the management of the website. The Board requested more information for the December 15, 2011 meeting.

#### Board Strategic Plan/Priority List

President Larson asked Board members and community members if they had any additions to the priority list. This agenda item will be brought back to the December meeting.

## **New Business**

### **Presentation of Fiscal Year 2011 Audit**

Stephanie Lombardi and Carla Paschal from SIKICH presented the FY11 Audit and related information. This is an annual report to the Board to monitor the District's finances. A final report will be issued in the next two weeks. A special board meeting will be held on December 1, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. to approve the audit.

### **Presentation of School Improvement Plans for Monroe Center and Meridian Junior High**

Bill Davidson and Leslie Showers presented the School Improvement Plans for Meridian Junior High School and Monroe Center Elementary highlighting the goals and activities designed to improve student achievement in their respective buildings.

### **Board Meeting Agenda Formats**

The Board discussed having one board meeting for board development and one board meeting for district business. There will be further discussion at the December meeting.

### **New High School Plan**

Dr. Morelan suggested that the Board begin to look at their roles and responsibilities when planning for new construction as the district considers the number of students in the high school and the future of the land usage.

## **Board Comments**

Board members thanked the staff and administration for a great job on their School Improvement Plans. Mr. Smith commented that he heard from community members about the new day letter that was in the local paper.

## **Adjourned to Closed Session**

A motion was made by Flynn, seconded by Steenken, to adjourn to closed session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the District and other stated exceptions to the Open Meetings Act. Ayes: Pierce, Smith, Steenken, Flynn, Glendenning, Mellon and Larson. Motion carried unanimously. Time: 9:25 p.m.

## **Reconvene in Open Session**

A motion was made by Glendenning, seconded by Steenken, to return to open session. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously. Time: 10:42 p.m.

## **Board Action from Closed Session**

### **Review the minutes of the October 27, 2011 executive session**

A motion was made by Mellon, seconded by Flynn, to approve the minutes of the October 27, 2011 executive session. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

### Personnel Report

A motion was made by Glendenning, seconded by Mellon, to hire Keith Hall, Meridian Junior High Sixth Grade Boys' Basketball (new position due to numbers). Ayes: Flynn, Glendenning, Mellon, Pierce, Smith, Steenken and Larson. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Flynn, seconded by Mellon, to hire Jorey Grey, nurse at Monroe Center (replaces Mary Margaret Evans). Ayes: Mellon, Pierce, Smith, Steenken, Flynn and Larson. Abstain: Glendenning. Motion carried.

### Adjourn

A motion was made by Flynn, seconded by Glendenning, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Donna Fruin, Secretary