

Minutes of a Regular Board Meeting of November 13, 2008

Call to Order and Roll Call

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of Meridian Community 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 School. Members present: Bonne, Glendenning, King, and Larson. Superintendent Prusator, Director of Business/HR Porter, Principals Coulahan, Davidson and Mandzen and Activities Director Stewart were also present. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Larson, seconded by Glendenning, to approve the consent agenda including the minutes of the October 23, 2008 regular board meeting and October 27, 2008 special board meeting; payrolls of November 14th, November 26th, and December 12th 2008; and accounts payable for November 2008 per review by Mr. Larson. Ayes: Bonne, Glendenning, King, Larson and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Prusator reviewed the upcoming presentation by Dr. Larry Baskin scheduled for Monday, November 17, 2008. Dr. Baskin will present to the board, administration and directors from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Stillman Valley Fire Station. He will then have a community presentation at 7:00 p.m. at SVHS.

Notices and Communications

There were no Notices and Communications.

Community Input

There was no Community Input.

Old Business

8.1 Presentation of the Fiscal Year 2008 Audit

Curt Kleckler and Stephanie Lombardi from SIKICH presented the FY08 Audit and related information. Mr. Klecker indicated that the audit process was thorough and the district was utilizing appropriate accounting procedures.

Mr. Jagielski arrived at 7:08 p.m.

8.2 Presentation of School Improvement Plans for each building

Mr. Prusator reviewed the School Improvement Plans for each building. He reviewed the goals and results in reading, math, and science. The plans all tie to the District Improvement Plan.

8.3 Activity/Athletic Eligibility Update

Mr. Prusator reviewed the First Quarter Eligibility Report that had been prepared by Mr. Stewart. The report contained information on the number of ineligible students in each activity and the reason for the student being ineligible. Also included in the report were the grade point averages for each fall activity. The Board and Administration will continue to monitor the implementation of the eligibility policy which is in the second year of a three-year phased-in implementation.

8.4 Continued Review of Board Policy Section 2: School Board

The Board continued their review of Section 2 of the Board Policy Book which focuses on the responsibilities of the School Board.

8.5 Determination of the 2008 Tax Levy and Truth in Taxation Resolution; Levy hearing on Thursday, December 18, 2008; Highland School; 6:45 p.m.

Ms. Porter reviewed the preliminary FY08 tax levy figures and projected Equalized Assessed Valuation for the school district. She also reviewed the Tax Levy and Truth in Taxation Timeline for the 2008 Levy. The Levy hearing is scheduled for Thursday, December 18, 2008 at 6:45 p.m. at Highland School.

Motion:

A motion was made by Jagielski, seconded by Bonne, to approve the Truth and Taxation Resolution in accordance with statutes and establish a hearing in accordance with statutes. Ayes: Glendenning, Jagielski, King, Larson, Bonne and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously.

8.6 Discussion of Administrator/Director Compensation Plan Benchmark

The School Board discussed a benchmark component of the administrator compensation plan which was approved earlier in the year. The School Board reviewed options to utilize a source of data that has no potential bias. Ms. Porter will research a process that will meet the desired outcome.

New Business

There was no New Business.

Board Comments

There were no Board Comments.

Adjourn to Closed Session

A motion was made by Bonne, seconded by King, to adjourn to closed session to discuss employment, matters relating to individual students, and litigation. Ayes: Jagielski, King, Larson, Bonne, Glendenning and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously. Time: 10:07 p.m.

Reconvene in Open Session

A motion was made by Larson, seconded by Bonne, to return to open session. Motion carried unanimously. Time: 10:37 p.m.

Board Action from Executive Session

Approve the minutes of the October 9, 2008 Executive Session

A motion was made by King, seconded by Jagielski, to approve the minutes of the October 9, 2009 executive session. Motion carried unanimously.

Approve the Personnel Report

A motion was made by Larson, seconded by King, to approve the personnel report including the **employment** of Dayle Burgess, MJH registered nurse (replaces R. Dixon); Keith Hall, 6th grade boys basketball coach for the 2008-2009 school year; Sandy Tanaglia, SVHS special education aide (replaces C. Wennemaker); and Colleen Yarbrough, transportation dispatcher (new position). The personnel report also includes the **resignations** of Connie Davidson, MC kindergarten aide, effective November 25, 2008; Connie Davidson, SVHS football cheerleading coach, effective end of the 2008 football season; Malinda Hurt, MC 5th grade aide, effective December 19, 2008; Kristen Kenzie, Highland early childhood teacher, effective November 21, 2008; Art Peterson, MJH 6th grade boys basketball coach, effective end of the 2007 basketball season. The personnel report includes the **family medical leave** of Jennifer Porter, Director of Business/HR, effective December 19, 2008 until February 17, 2009. Ayes: Bonne, Glendenning, Jagielski, King, Larson and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn

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

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Fruin, Secretary