

Meridian Community Board Minutes  
December 20, 2007  
7:00 P.M.

**Minutes of a Regular School Board Meeting of November 8, 2007**

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 School. Members present: Bonne, Glendenning, Jagielski, Larson and Reeverts. Superintendent Prusator, Director of Business/HR Porter, Principals Coulahan, Davidson, Mandzen and Zurko, and Assistant Principal Showers were also present. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Jagielski, seconded by Bonne, to approve the consent agenda including the minutes of the October 25, 2007 board meeting; payroll of November 20<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, and December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2007; and accounts payable for November 2007 per review by Mr. Jagielski. Ayes: Bonne, Glendenning, Jagielski, Larson, Reeverts and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Prusator stated that he had received conference materials for those board members attending the Annual School Board Joint Conference in Chicago on November 16-18, 2007. Mr. Prusator stated that he expects board members to receive a lot of good information at the conference once again this year.

Mr. Prusator announced that American Education Week is November 12-16, 2007. American Education Week is a way to recognize the work of everyone in our district. The week will start off with bagels/cream cheeses delivered to each building and the bus garage on Monday. Pens will be distributed during the week. He invited board members to the Thanksgiving meal on Thursday which is paid for by the SVEA and School District.

Building Principal Report

Building principal reports were available at board members' seats.

Notices and Communications

Mr. Prusator read an email from John Dotzel congratulating the district on their recent Bright Star Award.

Community Input

There was no Community Input.

## Old Business

- 8.1 Presentation of School Improvement Plans for each building

Mr. Coulahan presented the 2007-2008 School Improvement Plan for Highland Grade School. He introduced team members including Pete Reilley, Courtney Jones, Sarah Lindwall, and Stephanie Haugh who all participated in the presentation.

Mr. Zurko presented the 2007-2008 School Improvement Plan for Monroe Center School. He introduced team members including Kathy Mandzen and Christa Papke who participated in the presentation. Kathy Benesh was also on the team, but could not attend the meeting.

Mr. Davidson presented the 2007-2008 School Improvement Plan for Meridian Junior High School. Members of the team also included Leslie Zoet, Tina Isaacs, Gary Viel and Mrs. Showers.

Mr. Mandzen presented the 2007-2008 School Improvement Plan for Stillman Valley High School. He stated the team consisted of Mr. Mandzen and five facilitators.

Board members thanked all of the principals and team members for their hard work and informative presentations.

- 8.2 Determination of the 2007 Tax Levy and Truth in Taxation Resolution; Levy hearing on Thursday, December 20, 2007; Highland School; 6:45 p.m.

Mr. Prusator reviewed several items relating to determining the levy and the Truth in Taxation resolution. The Levy hearing is scheduled for Thursday, December 20, 2007 at 6:45 p.m. at Highland Grade School.

Motion: A motion was made by Jagielski, seconded by Reeverts, to determine the 2007 tax levies, waive the reading of and approve the Truth in Taxation Resolution in accordance with the Truth in Taxation Law for tax year 2007. Ayes: Glendenning, Jagielski, Larson, Reeverts, Bonne and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously.

- 8.3 Review/update Facility Facilitator process and schedule date to interview candidates

Mr. Prusator stated that he received four responses for Requests for Qualifications. He briefly reviewed their backgrounds. Mr. Prusator and Mr. Steenken suggested that all four candidates should be interviewed. A special meeting to interview the candidates will be held on Monday, November 26, 2007 at 5:00 p.m.

## New Business

- 91. Review “Supplemental Graphs: FY07 Audit”  
Mr. Prusator presented the FY07 supplemental graphs and charts from information provided by the Fiscal Year 2007 audit. Mr. Prusator reviewed enrollment, revenue and expenditure history, fund balances and additional financial data.

## Board Comments

Mr. Jagielski stated he attended the Fall Sports Awards. He stated it was good to hear that students were recognized for their academic achievements, as well as, their athletic achievements. Mr. Larson commented on the Webinar sponsored by the U.S. Department of Labor/Employment and Training Administration.

## Adjourn to executive session

A motion was made by Bonne, seconded by Reeverts, to adjourn to closed session to discuss employment, matters relating to individual students, and litigation. Ayes: Jagielski, Larson, Reeverts, Bonne, Glendenning and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously. Time: 9:39 p.m.

## Reconvene in Open Session

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

## Approve the minutes of the October 25, 2007 executive session

A motion was made by Glendenning, seconded by Bonne, to approve the minutes of the October 25, 2007 executive session. Motion carried unanimously.

## Approve Personnel Report

A motion was made by Jagielski, seconded by Glendenning, to approve the personnel report including the **employment** of: Roni Oleson SVHS Spanish teacher (replacing D. Swanson at semester); Malinda Hurt, MC individual aide (replacing D. Hall); Mary Jean Hoffman, bus driver; transfer Brent Hall from head 6<sup>th</sup> grade girls basketball coach to head 7<sup>th</sup> grade girls basketball coach; Brenda Woolbright, 6<sup>th</sup> grade volleyball coach; and increase hours of Kristina Reed, MC special education aide. The personnel report included the **resignation** of Donna Hall, MC instructional aide. The personnel report also included the **maternity leave request** of Kristina Porter from October 25-January 7, 2008, MC special education teacher. Motion carried unanimously.

## Motion from Closed Session

A motion was made by Glendenning, seconded by Jagielski, to approve the settlement agreement regarding student 2008-1 subject to terms and conditions discussed in closed session. Ayes: Glendenning, Jagielski, Larson, Reeverts, Bonne and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Donna Fruin, Secretary