

Meridian Community Board Minutes

Regular School Board Meeting of October 13, 2010

Call to Order

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of Meridian Community Unit School District #223 was called to order by Vice President Barbara Reeverts at 7:00 p.m. in the Meridian District Board of Education Room located in the Meridian Junior High School. Members present: Jagielski, Larson, Mellon and Pierce. Superintendent Prusator and District Administrator of Business/HR Porter were also present. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Pierce, seconded by Larson, to approve the consent agenda including the minutes of the September 23, 2010 regular board meeting; October 6, 2010 Interest Based Problem Solving Committee Meeting; and payroll of October 15, 2010. Ayes: Jagielski, Larson, Mellon, Pierce and Reeverts. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Steenken arrived at 7:06 p.m. and presided over the remainder of the meeting.

Mr. Glendenning arrived at 7:10 p.m.

Superintendent's Report

5.1 Review the Annual ISBE Fall Housing Report/enrollment as of 9/30/10

Mr. Prusator reviewed an Enrollment by Grade Level Report as of 9/30/10. These figures showed a total district enrollment of 1939 which is a decrease of 21 students and a 1.1% decrease from 9/30/09. Mr. Prusator stated that the make up of the student body is different than in previous years.

5.2 Review Preliminary 2010 Equalized Assessed Valuation (EAV)

Mrs. Porter reviewed preliminary tax levy figures and projected EAV for the district.

Notices and Communications

There were no Notices and Communications.

Community Input

Donna Fruin commented on how a drastic change in health insurance benefits would affect the support staff.

Old Business

8.1 Review Meridian CUSD #223 Board Policy 2:40

The Board discussed the component of Board Policy 2:40 involving student participation with the School Board in an advisory role.

Motion:

A motion was made by Jagielski, seconded by Mellon, to send Board Policy 2:40 back to the Policy Committee to review, revise, and make a recommendation to the Board by the October 28, 2010 meeting. Ayes: Jagielski, Larson, Mellon, Pierce, Reeverts, Glendenning and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business

9.1 Preliminary review of Health/Dental/Life Insurance renewal rates

Mr. Prusator stated that the Insurance Committee met this afternoon. Mike Parrott from the district's insurance consultants, Miller & Buettner, Inc., reviewed some health care reform and the insurance bid process. The Insurance Committee will meet again next Wednesday to finalize a recommendation for the October 28, 2010 meeting.

Board Comments

Mr. Pierce commented that the district should look into a district-wide email system as a better way of communication; and it would also save on paper. Mr. Mellon commented on a website that ranks school districts. Meridian CUSD #223 was ranked #123 out of 842 school districts in the State of Illinois. Mr. Mellon also commented that he'd like to attend the School Board Convention so he can grow as a school board member.

Adjourn to Closed Session

A motion was made by Reeverts, seconded by Pierce, to adjourn to executive session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the District. Ayes: Larson, Mellon, Pierce, Reeverts, Glendenning, Jagielski and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously. Time: 8:05 p.m.

Reconvene in Open Session

A motion was made by Larson, seconded by Reeverts, to return to open session. Ayes: Pierce, Reeverts, Glendenning, Jagielski, Larson, Mellon and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously. Time: 11:48 p.m.

Board Action from Closed Session

Approve the minutes of the September 9, 2010 and September 23, 2010 executive sessions

A motion was made by Jagielski, seconded by Larson, to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2010 and September 23, 2010 executive sessions. Ayes: Reeverts, Glendenning, Jagielski, Larson, Mellon, Pierce and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously.

Personnel Report

A motion was made by Larson, seconded by Reeverts, to approve the personnel report including the **employment** of Carrie Dawdy as an individual student aide for the 2010-2011 school year (MC-new position due to an IEP); Bill Wessel as a bus aide for the 2010-2011 school year (District-new special education route); and Nicole Wiehle as an individual student aide for the 2010-2011 school year (MC-new position due to an IEP). The personnel report includes the **resignations** of Jodi Shepard effective October 1, 2010 as a cashier (SVHS) and Mindy Tomash effective September 28, 2010 as clerical/grant (District). The personnel report also includes the **leave** of Rebecca Barton, on FMLA leave, approximately beginning Tuesday, December 7, 2010 through Monday, January 17, 2011 (MJH). Ayes: Glendenning, Jagielski, Larson, Mellon, Pierce, Reeverts and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Reeverts, seconded by Jagielski, to adjourn the meeting. Ayes: Jagielski, Larson, Mellon, Pierce, Reeverts, Glendenning and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Fruin, Secretary