

Meridian Community Board Minutes

School Board Retreat on October 17, 2009

Call to Order

A special Retreat of the Board of Education of Meridian Community Unit School District #223 was called to order by President Ron Steenken at 8:30 a.m. in the Meridian District Board of Education Room located in the Meridian Junior High. Members present: Glendenning, Jagielski, Larson, Mellon, Pierce and Reeverts. Superintendent Prusator and Director of Business/HR Porter were also present. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

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Board members and Mr. Prusator reviewed and discussed the status of the organizational structure. Mr. Prusator relayed the ways that the new structure has provided him time to work more in the instructional areas as well as afforded more time to work with board members and staff on projects. Discussion also included ways that the organizational structure has not been adequately communicated throughout the District and the need to improve the flow of communication to appropriate staff members. The consensus of the group is that the organizational structure should be evaluated by the following criteria:

1. The proper chain of command is witnessed through communication.
2. Every employee is aware of the chain of command and can answer to whom they report and what gets reported.
3. When the executive administration is tackling executive level issues.

An evaluation of these criteria will be made at the end of the year.

The Board also discussed transportation and the potential impact of grade configuration. The Board reviewed parameters for ride times on buses and wait times at buildings before and after school. The Board will continue to monitor transportation.

A motion was made by Steenken, seconded by Pierce, to adjourn the retreat. Motion carried unanimously. Time: 12:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert Prusator, Superintendent