

Meridian Community Board Minutes

Regular School Board Meeting of October 27, 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 Mellon, to approve the agenda. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Pierce, seconded by Glendenning, to approve the consent agenda including the minutes of the October 13, 2011 board meeting, payroll for October 28, 2011 and November 10, 2011 and accounts payable for October 2011 in the amount of \$854,901.24 per review by Mr. Glendenning and Mr. Smith. Ayes: Glendenning, Mellon, Pierce, Smith, Steenken, Flynn and Larson. Motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent's Report

2011 Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) Information

Dr. Morelan was pleased to report that the district made AYP and had growth in all categories.

Job Descriptions

Dr. Morelan reported that job descriptions are still coming in. Dr. Morelan also stated that job descriptions will need to be tailored to each individual position of the district.

Dr. Morelan expressed congratulations to both the soccer and football teams.

PEP Grant

Kim Glendenning, Steve Stewart and Jon Mickle presented information on the PEP Grant highlighting the history of the district wellness policy, Spark Curriculum, and the need for a location to house the equipment. The District was one of seventy-six winners out of six hundred applicants.

Student Advisory Report

Paxton Abbott had no official report but stated he is still working on the Latin Honors program and getting more students to be involved.

Notices and Communications

There were no Notices and Communications.

Community Input

Community Members commented or had questions on the following topics: if the Board Policy Committee Delegated Concerns & Pending Issues to be addressed and Unfinished/Uncompleted Business of the Board are posted on the website, the training dates for Boardbook and the PEP Grant.

Unfinished Business

Transportation Handbook

Mr. Gaudreau requested that this topic be held over to the next meeting so that he could meet with bus drivers on November 1st to get their input.

Information from ISBE Board Evaluation

Mr. Steenken provided information regarding IASB Self-Evaluation Workshop options. The consensus of the Board was to use Option C in January. Mr. Steenken will contact the IASB field service director and get back to the Board with some possible dates.

New Business

Discuss positions of board treasurer and board secretary

The Board discussed the positions of board treasurer and board secretary. The consensus of the Board was that policy 2:110 is fine as written and does not need any further reconsideration. There was additional board consensus to have the position of board treasurer be filled by someone not in the employment of the district. Mr. Gaudreau will post for the position.

Preliminary tax levy discussion

Mr. Gaudreau reviewed preliminary tax levy figures and projected EAV for the district.

Lee/Ogle (OCEC) Annual Sales Tax Potential from a New Option County Sales Tax and (Winnebago County) Illinois County School Facility Tax Public Act 95-0675

Dr. Morelan provided information regarding proposed tax increases.

Letter of support for Regional Superintendent

Dr. Morelan encouraged board members to approve a resolution supporting the Illinois Association of Regional Superintendents who perform vital roles and valuable services for school districts and have not been paid since July.

Motion:

A motion was made by Flynn, seconded by Smith, to pass a resolution supporting the Illinois Association of Regional Superintendents. Ayes: Mellon, Pierce, Smith, Steenken, Flynn and Larson. Nays: Glendenning. Motion carried.

Union/Board Joint Committee

Dr. Morelan reported that as a requirement of Senate Bills 7 and 315, a committee of three board members and three union members needs to be formed for the process of reduction in force. SB7 requires all school board members to have at least four hours of training provided by a range of providers approved by the Illinois State Board of Education in consultation with the Illinois Association of School Boards.

Sensing Session Dates

Dr. Morelan gave suggested School Board Sensing Session Dates for meeting with community members and asked board members to volunteer for the suggested dates.

Interest Based Problem Solving Committee

Dr. Morelan shared that he met with Mrs. Owen and discussed past practice with the Interest Based Problem Solving Committee. The next IBPSC meeting is tentatively scheduled for December 1st.

Sign Union Agreement

The final document came back from the attorney with all the changes and everything legally sufficient.

Board Comments

Board members commented on the placement of Community Input on the agenda and the need to work on organizational respect.

Adjourn to Closed Session

A motion was made by Mellon, 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: 8:50 p.m.

Reconvene in Open Session

A motion was made by Pierce, seconded by Steenken, to return to open session. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously. Time: 10:22 p.m.

Board Action from Closed Session

Review the minutes of the October 13, 2011 executive session

A motion was made by Glendenning, seconded by Pierce, to approve the minutes of the October 13, 2011 executive session. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

Personnel Report

A motion was made by Pierce, seconded by Steenken, to approve the personnel report including **employment** of Anne Giddings, individual paraprofessional at Highland; Lynette Simmons, cafeteria worker at SVHS; Matt Schabaker, food service clerk at MJH; Julie Boelkins, kindergarten teacher leader (replaces D. Kruger); Dan Cameron, Assistant Boys' Basketball (replaces B. Winterland); Amy Doyle, Assistant MJH 7th grade girls' basketball (replaces K. Porter); Jenny Palmer, Assistant 7th grade volleyball (replaces J. Morgan); Scott Wilhite, 6th grade boys' basketball (replaces B. Hickerson); Angela Perez, special education aide (replaces K. Feldhaus); and Cheryl Brant, human resource clerk (replaces temporary employee). The personnel report also includes the **resignations** of Pam Hilton, as an SVHS cafeteria worker; Rhonda Rose, as MJH attendance secretary; and Brian Crull as Assistant High School Girls' Basketball Coach. Ayes: Flynn, Glendenning, Mellon, Pierce, Smith, Steenken and Larson. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Glendenning, seconded by Mellon, to adjourn the meeting. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Fruin, Secretary