

Meridian Community Board Minutes

Regular School Board Meeting of October 28, 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: Glendenning, Larson, and Pierce. Superintendent Prusator and District Administrator of Business/HR Porter were also present. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Mr. Mellon arrived at 7:03 p.m.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Mellon, seconded by Glendenning, to approve the consent agenda including the minutes of the October 13, 2010 board meeting, payroll for October 29, 2010 and accounts payable for October in the amount of \$870,954.48 per review by Mr. Mellon. Ayes: Glendenning, Larson, Mellon, Pierce and Reeverts. Motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent's Report

5.1 2010 State Report Card for Meridian CUSD #223

Mr. Prusator reviewed the 2010 State Report Card highlighting student and staff demographics, finances, student achievement and the status of Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) for each building and the District.

Notices and Communications

There were no Notices and Communications.

Community Input

Perky Rugeberg and Jen Hagemann spoke on how they should have been notified sooner regarding the health insurance renewal and how the new plan will be a hardship to support staff. Barbara McManaway and Rex McManaway spoke on issues she has with bus safety and the administration. Colleen Yarbrough, Jerry Yarbrough, and Perky Rugeberg stated they had an opposing view of the bus issues than Ms. McManaway.

Old Business

8.1 Review/approve Health, Dental, Life Insurance Renewal

Mr. Prusator reviewed the recommendation on the health insurance renewal. Mike Parrott from Miller Buettner & Parrott, Inc. was also present to answer questions.

Motion:

A motion was made by Mellon, seconded by Larson, to approve Option 6 with a \$2500 deductible with the Board paying up to \$1000 after \$1500 of the deductible is met by the employee. Ayes: Larson, Mellon, Pierce, Glendenning and Reeverts. Motion carried unanimously.

8.2 **Review/place on display modifications to Policy 2:40 (student advisory role to School Board)**

The Policy Committee and invited students met on Wednesday, October 27th, to determine in what ways students could participate in board meetings. The students will develop a recommendation in how a student advisory group could be formed and a job description. The students will present their recommendation to the Policy Committee at the next meeting scheduled for November 10th at 5:30 p.m.

8.3 **Preview Community Focus Group Session scheduled for Thursday, November 4th at 7:00 p.m. at Highland Multi-purpose Room**

Mr. Prusator reviewed the plans for the Community Meeting on Finance scheduled for November 4, 2010 at the Highland Multi-purpose Room.

New Business

There was no New Business.

Board Comments

Mr. Glendenning inquired as to how much teachers and administrators are out of the classrooms/buildings.

Adjourn to Closed Session

A motion was made by Pierce, seconded by Mellon, to adjourn to closed session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the District. Motion carried unanimously. Time: 10:18 p.m.

Reconvene in Open Session

A motion was made by Mellon, seconded by Pierce, to return to open session. Motion carried unanimously. Time: 10:53 p.m.

Board Action from Closed Session

Approve the minutes of the October 13, 2010 executive session

A motion was made by Glendenning, seconded by Mellon, to approve the minutes of the October 13, 2010 executive session. Ayes: Glendenning, Larson, Mellon, Pierce and Reeverts. Motion carried unanimously.

Personnel Report

A motion was made by Mellon, seconded by Pierce, to approve the personnel report including the **employment** of Renee Lafleur-Rudinski, as a bus driver for the 2010-2011 school year (replacing B. McManaway); Cindy Brown, as 3rd grade inclusion aide for the 2010-2011 school year (MC-replaces Tammy Weir); Don Miuccio, as a bus driver for the 2010-2011 school year (transportation-new route due to increased ridership and to alleviate overcrowding); Angela Hodges, as grant clerical worker for the 2010-2011 school year (District-replaces Mindy Tomash); Genny Wurster, as cashier for the 2010-2011 school year (high school-replacing Jodi Shepard). The personnel report also includes the **resignation** of Tammy Weir, effective for October 18, 2010 as literacy aide (MC) and the **leaves** of Karyn Burch on FMLA approximately 2/22/2011 through 4/26/2011 (Highland 1st grade teacher); Jennifer Hall on FMLA leave approximately 4/14/2011 through the first day of Teacher's Institute for the 2011-2012 school year (MJH-8th grade teacher); and Rachel Toth on FMLA leave approximately from 10/14/10 until 11/15/2010 depending on further medical tests (Highland-Head Cook). Ayes: Larson, Mellon, Pierce, Glendenning and Reeverts. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Glendenning, seconded by Pierce, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Fruin, Secretary