

Minutes of a Regular School Board Meeting of September 11, 2008

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 Monroe Center Gym. Members present: Jagielski, Larson and Reeverts. Superintendent Prusator, Director of Business/HR Porter, Principal Zurko and Director of Buildings & Grounds Mickle were also present. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Steenken, seconded by Jagielski, to approve the consent agenda including the minutes of the August 27, 2008 regular school board meeting; payroll of September 19, 2008; and accounts payable for September 2008 in the amount of \$471,414.29. Ayes: Jagielski, Larson, Reeverts and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent's Report

5.1 Senior Citizens Luncheons

Mr. Prusator announced that the District sponsored Senior Citizens Luncheons at SVHS would begin on Thursday, September 18, 2008. The luncheons are held on the third Thursdays of the month and are enjoyed by the seniors of the community.

5.2 Review 2008 ISAT Results

Mr. Prusator gave a preliminary review of math and reading scores for grades 3-8 from testing done in the spring of 2008.

Mr. Glendenning and Mrs. Bonne arrived for the meeting.

5.3 Professional Development for District Leaders

Mr. Prusator reviewed the status of scheduling a professional development activity for October or November with Dr. Laurence Baskin. Several dates were suggested. Mr. Prusator will contact Dr. Baskin and identify a date.

Notices and Communications

Mr. Prusator reviewed correspondence from SchoolSearch notifying the District that it had once again received the Bright Star Award for educational excellence. Mr. Steenken reviewed a correspondence he received from Ombudsman indicating success of that program, in which the Meridian School District does participate.

Community Input

There was no Community Input.

Old Business

8.1 Buildings and Grounds Department Report/Building Tour

Director of Buildings and Grounds, Jon Mickle, gave a power point presentation highlighting Health and Life Safety, Facility Projects, Custodial Highlights, and 2008-2009 building concerns and department needs.

New Business

9.1 Review 403(b) Plan Compliance

Mrs. Porter reviewed the time line for 403(b) compliance. School districts are required to have a plan in place by January 1, 2009. Ms. Porter shared the timeline for the recommendation to the School Board.

Board Comments

Mr. Larson commented on how only three out of ten 17-24 year olds are acceptable to go into the Army due to academics, physical shape, ethics and morality.

The Board reviewed the content of a letter to community describing district operations.

Tour of the Monroe Center School

Monroe Center Principal Adam Zurko and Director of Buildings and Grounds Director Jon Mickle conducted a facility tour of Monroe Center School to review work done over the summer and the instructional usage of rooms.

Adjourn to Closed Session

A motion was made by Reeverts, seconded by Bonne, to adjourn to closed session to discuss the appointment, compensation of specific employees of the district and the purchase or lease of real property for use by the District. Ayes: Glendenning, Jagielski, Larson, Reeverts, Bonne and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously. Time: 8:40 p.m.

Reconvene in Open Session

A motion was made by Bonne, seconded by Reeverts, to return to open session. Ayes: Jagielski, Larson, Reeverts, Bonne, Glendenning and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously. Time: 11:40 p.m.

Board Action from Executive Session

Approve the minutes of the August 27, 2008 Executive Session

A motion was made by Jagielski, seconded by Reeverts, to approve the minutes of the August 27, 2008 executive session. Motion carried unanimously.

Approve the Personnel Report

A motion was made by Bonne, seconded by Glendenning, to approve the personnel report including the **employment** of Deborah Castle, MJH special education aide (2007-2008 Reduction in Force position), Danielle Ducey, Highland special education aide (replaced L. Whitmire); Carla Duschen, MC special education aide (2007-2008 Reduction in Force position); Angela Harrolle, MC special education aide (new position); Christine Horton, Highland early childhood aide (replaced D. Ducey); Kathy Iturbide, MC literacy inclusion aide (new position); Gary Larson, SVHS 2nd shift custodian (open position); Deb Lawson, MC special education aide (2007-2008 Reduction in Force position); Tara Modrzjewski, MC special education aide (2007-2008 Reduction in Force position); Carla Regez, Highland special education aide (replaced D. Ducey); Beverly Robson, MC special education aide (new position); Raylene Rzasz, MC literacy inclusion aide (new position); Rose Steig, MC special education aide (new position); Deb Sweeney, MC special education aide (2007-2008 Reduction in Force position); Renee Szymanski, Highland early childhood aide (open position); Lori Wetzal, MC special education aide (2007-2008 Reduction in Force position); and Leigh Whitmire, Highland special education aide (2007-2008 Reduction

in Force position). The personnel report also includes the **resignation** of Alexis Cook, District human resource assistant, effective September 12, 2008 and Leanne Nyman, MC head cook, effective September 12, 2008 and the **family medical leave** of Elizabeth Meyer, Highland special education aide, effective August 18, 2008 for 12 weeks and Jennifer Tompkins, MC 3rd grade teacher, effective December 3, 2008 until February 16, 2009. The personnel report also includes approving the administrative compensation plan as presented.

Adjourn

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

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Fruin, Secretary