

Meridian Community Board Minutes
September 27, 2007
7:00 P.M.

Minutes of the Public Calendar Waiver Hearing of September 12, 2007

A special meeting of the Board of Education of Meridian Community Unit District #223 was called to order by President Ron Steenken on September 12, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the Monroe Center School Gym for the purpose of a proposed renewal of a waiver application to allow the district to attend school on Lincoln's Birthday and Casimir Pulaski Day this year and consider attending school on the following holidays in subsequent years: Columbus Day, Veteran's Day, Martin Luther King Day, Lincoln's Birthday and Casimir Pulaski Day. Members present: Bonne, Glendenning, Jagielski and King. Superintendent Prusator and Director of Business/HR Porter were also present.

Mr. Steenken invited public comments or questions. There were none.

Mr. Prusator reviewed the waiver requests. He stated the waiver would be good for five years. Mr. Prusator stated that he did receive a phone call from a parent who was a veteran and thought veterans should be honored. Mr. Prusator explained that students are taught about the holiday subject matter if school is in session on a holiday.

A motion was made by King, seconded by Bonne, to adjourn the calendar waiver hearing. Ayes: Bonne, Glendenning, Jagielski, King and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Fruin, Secretary

Minutes of a Regular School Board Meeting of September 12, 2007

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of Meridian Community Unit District #223 was called to order by President Ron Steenken on September 12, 2007 at 7:05 p.m. in the Meridian District Board of Education Room located in the Meridian Junior High School. Members present: Bonne, Glendenning, Jagielski and King. Superintendent Prusator and Director of Business/HR Porter were also present. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

A motion was made by Steenken, seconded by Glendenning, to approve the consent agenda including the minutes of the August 23, 2007 board meeting; payroll of September 20, 2007; accounts payable for September 2007 per review by Mr. Steenken;

and the 2007-2008 Application for Recognition of Schools. Ayes: Glendenning, Jagielski, King, Bonne and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Prusator announced that the District sponsored Senior Citizen Luncheons at SVHS would begin on Thursday, September 20, 2007. This is an event that is enjoyed by the seniors of our community.

Building principal reports were provided at the seat of each board member.

There were no Notices and Communications.

Under Community Input, Vicki Dobbs commented that she is concerned about the violence in the high school. She asked the board to check on the incidents she mentioned.

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

Mr. Steenken invited discussion on the Facility Committee Final Report. Mr. Prusator would like the board to make a decision by the next board meeting on September 27, 2007. Mr. Prusator presented a handout of the Long Range Planning and Facility Committee Decision Criteria. Mr. Dick Johnson from Richard L. Johnson Associates, Inc. and Mr. Bob Bergland from Hutchinson, Shockey, Erley & Co. were present to answer questions from board members. Discussion followed on: K, 4-6 building vs. new high school; costs; square footage and student capacity; and giving the public good data and information to support a referendum. Board members requested more building capacity reports from Mr. Johnson and more bond issue analysis from Mr. Bergland.

Mr. Prusator stated that the FY08 budget hearing would be held on Thursday, September 27, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room located in the Meridian Junior High School. The budget remains on display in the District Office.

There was no New Business.

A motion was made by Bonne, seconded by Larson, to adjourn to executive session to discuss the appointment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the district; student disciplinary cases, and litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the District has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal. Ayes: Jagielski, King, Larson, Bonne, Glendenning and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously. Time: 10:10 p.m.

A motion was made by Jagielski, seconded by Larson, to return to open session. Motion carried unanimously. Time: 11:55 p.m.

A motion was made by King, seconded by Bonne, to approve the personnel report as presented. The personnel report includes the **resignations** of Kristine Voth, Highland

lunch cashier; Nancy Schabacker, Highland dishwasher; Mary Jones, Highland individual aide; Angie Palmer, SVHS-JV academic bowl coach; and Carol Pifkin, SVHS & MJH district nurse. The personnel report includes the **hiring** of Thomas Burke, technology technician replacing R. Boldt; Alexis Cook as Human Resource Assistant, new position; Jon Mickle as Director of Buildings & Grounds replacing S. Bearrows; Jeanette Hageman as bus driver, new route; Kristina Porter as MC elementary special education teacher, new position; Karen Rosenbloom as MC & Highland elementary art teacher, new position; Kristina Reed as MC special education aide replacing R. Stieg; Deborah Lawson as MC special education aide replacing J. Difore; Raylene Rzasa as MC special education aide, new position; Lori Wetzel as MC special education aide, new position; Julie Brackemyer as Highland .67 FTE kindergarten teacher, new position; Renie Rippel as Highland .67 FTE kindergarten teacher replacing A. Collins; Angel Ballard as Highland .67 FTE kindergarten teacher replacing S. Lindwall; Rhonda Rose as MJH attendance secretary replacing A. Morgart; Joanna Sharp as SVHS biology teacher, first semester, maternity leave for J. Pansegrau; Jim Miller as SVHS special education aide replacing J. Fowler; and Leanne Nyman as MC head cook replacing M. Goley. The personnel report includes the **retirement request** of Mary Forbes, SVHS special education teacher, at the end of the 2010-1011 school year. The personnel report also includes an ESP 4% salary increase and administrator salaries for 2007-2008 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Fruin, Secretary