

Minutes of a Regular Board Meeting of September 24, 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 6:00 p.m. in the Meridian District Board of Education Room located in the Meridian Junior High School. Members present: Glendenning, King, and Reeverts. Superintendent Prusator and Director of Business/HR Porter were also present. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by King, seconded by Reeverts, to approve the consent agenda including the minutes of the September 11, 2008 regular school board meeting, payroll of October 3, 2008, and ISBE Application for Recognition of Schools. Ayes: Glendenning, King, Reeverts and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Superintendent's Report

5.1 Review 2008 Report Card

Mr. Prusator provided a brief overview of the 2008 Illinois State Report Card for the District. The report card provides a lot of information on the district including student achievement, demographics, and finances. The report card is a way for the district to measure progress and performance. The report card will be reviewed at a later meeting.

5.2 2008 School Board Conference Update

Mr. Prusator reviewed that this year's conference is scheduled for November 21-23 in Chicago. Mr. Prusator is in the process of finalizing plans for members to attend.

Notices and Communications

There were no Notices and Communications.

Community Input

There was no Community Input.

Mr. Larson arrived for the meeting.

Old Business

8.2 Review Soils Analysis Study for Potential District Property Purchase

Eric Kunz from Terracon Consultants, Inc. presented a report of the soils analysis study of the property south of SVHS. Mr. Kunz reported that the soil composition on the property considered for purchase is suitable for the types of construction and facilities consistent for a school district.

Ron Pifkin also updated the Board on the timeline for purchase of the property.

Board Comments

Mr. King commented on the need for better lighting in the MJH big gym and the safety of the bleachers. The bleachers are inspected annually.

Adjourn to Closed Session

A motion was made by Bonne, seconded by Larson, to adjourn to closed session to discuss self-evaluation, practices and procedures, or professional ethics, when meeting with a representative of a statewide association of which the District is a member. Ayes: Glendenning, Jagielski, King, Larson, Reeverts, Bonne and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously. Time: 6:27 p.m.

Reconvene in Open Session

A motion was made by Jagielski, seconded by Glendenning, to reconvene in open session for the FY09 Budget Public Hearing. Ayes: Jagielski, King, Larson, Reeverts, Bonne, Glendenning and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously. Time: 7:00 p.m.

FY09 Budget Public Hearing

A special meeting of the Board of Education of the Meridian Community Unit District #223 was called to order by President Ron Steenken at 7:05 p.m. for the purpose of the FY09 Budget Hearing. Members present: Bonne, Glendenning, Jagielski, King, Larson and Reeverts. Superintendent Prusator and Director of Business/HR Porter were also present.

There was no public present.

Mr. Steenken, Mr. Glendenning and Mr. Jagielski commented on the budget committee meeting that was held on September 15, 2008. The budget committee will review the budget annually prior to the public hearing.

Ms. Porter briefly reviewed the updated FY09 Budget.

Adjourn FY09 Budget Hearing

A motion was made by King, seconded by Larson, to adjourn the public hearing. Ayes: King, Larson, Reeverts, Bonne, Glendenning, Jagielski and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously. Time: 7:20 p.m.

Motion:

A motion was made by Jagielski, seconded by Glendenning, to approve and adopt the FY09 Budget. Ayes: Larson, Reeverts, Bonne, Glendenning, Jagielski, King and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously.

Reconvene in closed session

A motion was made by Larson, seconded by Reeverts, to reconvene in executive session. Ayes: Reeverts, Bonne, Glendenning, Jagielski, King, Larson and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously. Time: 7:25 p.m.

Return to Open Session

A motion was made by Bonne, seconded by Larson, to return to open session. Motion carried unanimously. Time: 9:35 p.m.

Adjourn:

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

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Fruin, Secretary