

Meridian Community Board Minutes

Minutes of a Regular Board Meeting of September 8, 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 Monroe Center Elementary School Gym. Members present: Flynn, Glendenning, Mellon, Pierce, Smith and Steenken. Superintendent Morelan, Administrators and Directors were also present. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Approve Agenda

Mr. Smith requested that item 5.1 regarding the August 23, 2011 finance committee meeting minutes be removed from the consent agenda. Mr. Smith and Dr. Flynn did not attend the finance committee meeting as board members, but as community members, therefore, their names should be stricken from the minutes for being present.

Motion

A motion was made by Flynn, seconded by Smith, to remove 5.1 from the consent agenda. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Flynn, to strike their names from the minutes of the August 23, 2011 finance committee meeting minutes. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Glendenning, seconded by Steenken, to approve the consent agenda including the minutes of the August 20, 2011 special board meeting, August 25, 2011 regular board meeting, August 29, 2011 special board meeting and amended August 23, 2011 finance committee meeting; and payroll of September 16, 2011. Ayes: Pierce, Smith, Steenken, Flynn, Glendenning, Mellon and Larson. Motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Morelan reported that the Senior Citizen Luncheons would not be held this year because of limited space at SVHS. Board members inquired about other options.

Dr. Morelan reported that the Regional Office of Education would be conducting a compliance assurance visit on February 23-24, 2012.

Dr. Morelan shared that an Illinois Resource Center Early Childhood Professional Development Workshop, Early Childhood Environment Rating Scale, was held on September 2, 2011 at the Stillman Valley Fire Station.

Student Advisory Report

Paxton Abbott reported that he will meet with Mr. Mandzen within the next couple weeks to discuss more student participation.

Notices and Communications

There were no Notices and Communications.

Community Input

Joy Kohler spoke regarding communication with people in supervisory positions.

Unfinished Business

Rotation of Bill Review

The Board was provided a list of board meeting dates for reviewing the bills.

Live Streaming of Board Meetings

Jayce Bolhous presented the results of the survey monkey regarding community interest in the live streaming of board meetings. The consensus of the Board was that there was not enough community interest because of the cost.

Continued display/review of Fiscal Year 2012 (FY 12) Budget

The Budget Hearing will be held on September 22, 2011 at 6:45 p.m. The Budget will continue to be on display until its adoption at the September 22, 2011 meeting.

Board Calendar

Committee meeting dates will be added to the Board Calendar.

Transportation Handbook

The Transportation Handbook was to be presented at the September 22, 2011 meeting, but Dr. Morelan requested that it be moved to the October 13, 2011 meeting. The Board wants the handbook to be given to them for their review before the October 13th meeting.

Review Eligibility and Administrative Procedures

The policies need to reflect the change to the 4.0 grade point system.

Motion

A motion was made by Pierce, seconded by Steenken, to revise the eligibility policies to a 1.67 grade point average which reflects the change to a 4.0 grade point system. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

Review Event Ticket Sales Procedure

Board members were disappointed that there was not a presentation of a procedure for ticket sales/money handling with the first home football game coming up. The Board wants a report at the next meeting on how it was done at the first game.

Review administrative compensation plan and ESP salary schedule

The task force committee established to review the administrative compensation plan and ESP salary schedule is scheduled to meet on September 13th at 6:30 p.m.

New Business

NIU and fiber optic project connection between SV and MC

Jayce Bolhous gave a power point presentation on fiber proposals, #1 connections between SVHS, Highland and Meridian Junior High and #2 connections between Monroe Center Elementary and SVHS. The connection between Monroe Center Elementary and SVHS are an opportunity to be part of the ifiber project. This agenda item has been sent to the finance committee.

Discussion on use of Boardbook

Tom Gaudreau provided information on www.boardbook.org which is a web based service designed to create and distribute electronic board meeting packets. The Board would like some references from school districts that use Boardbook.

Job descriptions

Dr. Morelan relayed that he is working on getting updated job descriptions.

New Day Letter

The Board discussed a new day letter prepared by Dr. Morelan and Mr. Larson. Board members are to stop in and sign the letter.

Board Comments

Mr. Pierce asked about the possibility of leasing buses.

Adjourn to Closed Session

A motion was made by Glendenning, seconded by Smith, to adjourn to closed session to discuss information regarding appointment, employment or dismissal of an employee; compensation of specific employees of the district; student disciplinary cases; or other stated exception to the Open Meeting Act. Ayes: Steenken, Flynn, Glendenning, Mellon, Pierce, Smith and Larson. Motion carried unanimously. Time: 8:38 p.m.

Reconvene in Open Session

A motion was made by Pierce, seconded by Flynn, to return to open session. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously. Time: 9:50 p.m.

Board Action from Closed Session

Approve the minutes of the August 25, 2011 and August 29, 2011 Executive Sessions

A motion was made by Mellon, seconded by Smith, to approve the minutes of the August 25, 2011 and August 29, 2011 executive sessions. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn

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

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Fruin, Secretary