

Meridian Community Board Minutes

Regular School Board Meeting of September 9, 2010

Call to Order

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 Gymnasium. Members present: Glendenning, Jagielski, Larson, Mellon, Pierce and Reeverts. Superintendent Prusator and District Administrator of Business/HR Porter were also present. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Reeverts, seconded by Mellon, to approve the consent agenda including the minutes of the August 25, 2010 board meeting and payroll of September 17, 2010. Ayes: Glendenning, Jagielski, Larson, Mellon, Pierce, Reeverts and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent's Report

51. District sponsored Senior Citizen Luncheons to begin Thursday, September 16, 2010 at SVHS

Mr. Prusator announced that the District sponsored Senior Citizen Luncheons at SVHS would begin on Thursday, September 16, 2010. The luncheons are held on the third Thursdays of the month and are enjoyed by the seniors of the community.

5.2 Review 2010 ISAT/PSAE Results

Mr. Prusator reviewed the final ISAT scores for 2010 for grades 3-8 and the PSAE for grade 11.

5.3 Administrative Compensation Report

Mr. Prusator provided the Administrative Compensation Report. All school districts are required to post the Administrative Compensation Report on their district's web page.

5.4 Update on 2011 School Board Election timeline

Mr. Prusator reviewed the 2011 School Board Election Timeline. There will be three positions open for the April 5, 2011 election. Information will be posted on the web page.

Notices and Communications

Mr. Prusator received a brochure from the IASB on the Friday Workshops available at the School Board Conference in November.

Community Input

Sue Miller, Barbara McManaway and John LeClerq spoke regarding bus issues.

Old Business

8.1 Recommendation for Meridian Junior High Parent-Student Handbook addendum regarding definitions/example of major and minor offenses for student discipline

At the July 22, 2010 meeting, the board approved the MJH Student/Parent Handbook as written with an addendum to the handbook to include a definition and example for each major and minor offense listed in the handbook and move academic cheating to the major offense category. The definitions and examples were to be presented at the September 9, 2010 board meeting. Discussion followed.

Motion:

A motion was made by Steenken, seconded by Jagielski, to amend the motion leaving cheating as presented. Ayes: Mellon, Pierce, Reeverts, Jagielski and Steenken. Nays: Larson and Glendenning. Motion carried.

Motion:

A motion was made by Jagielski, seconded by Larson, to approve the addendum to the MJH Parent-Student Handbook with the following change: definition of inappropriate language as student engages in low intensity instance of disrespectful words, tone, or comments. Ayes: Jagielski, Larson, Mellon, Pierce, Reeverts and Steenken. Nays: Glendenning. Motion passed.

8.2 Review/approve district copier contract

Director of Technology, Jayce Bolhous, reviewed the specifications and bid process for the district copier contract at the August 25, 2010 meeting with the final recommendation to be presented at the September 9, 2010 meeting. Mr. Bolhous recommends purchasing the copiers through Nexus and to enter into a maintenance agreement with Nexus to service the copiers.

Motion:

A motion was made by Pierce, seconded by Glendenning, to approve the purchase of the copiers from Nexus with funding from Byron Bank and a maintenance agreement with Nexus as recommended. Ayes: Mellon, Pierce, Reeverts, Glendenning, Jagielski, Larson. Abstain: Steenken. Motion carried.

8.3 Continued display/review of Fiscal Year 2011 (FY11) Budget

Ms. Porter provided a brief review of updates to the FY 11 Budget that was placed on display. The budget is schedule for adoption at September 23, 2010 board meeting.

New Business

9.1 Review utilizing various state and federal grant funds to support instructional/educational specialist position for professional development for 2010-2011 school year

Mr. Prusator reviewed the recommendation to consider using funds within grants to provide a consultant to provide professional development and grant oversight for the 2010-2011 school year. Discussion followed.

Motion:

A motion was made by Glendenning, seconded by Larson, to approve the position as recommended adding that the person will produce reports analyzing the district with recommendation for improvement and would keep the board posted on a regular basis with the progress. Ayes: Reeverts, Glendenning, Jagielski, Larson, Mellon, Pierce and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously.

Board Comments

Mr. Pierce commented on an OCEC meeting he attended and Mr. Larson commented on a letter stuck in the front door at his home.

Adjourn to Closed Session

A motion was made by Reeverts, seconded by Mellon, to adjourn to executive session to discuss the appointment, compensation, performance of specific employees of the district. Ayes: Glendenning, Jagielski, Larson, Mellon, Pierce, Reeverts and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously. Time: 9:55 p.m.

Reconvene in Open Session

A motion was made by Glendenning, seconded by Mellon, to return to open session. Motion carried unanimously. Time: 11:10 p.m.

Board Action from Closed Session

Approve the minutes of the August 25, 2010 Executive Session

A motion was made by Reeverts, seconded by Jagielski, to approve the minutes of the August 25, 2010 executive session. Motion carried unanimously.

Personnel Report

A motion was made by Jagielski, seconded by Mellon, to approve the Personnel Report excluding item A4. The Personnel Report included the **employment** of Laurel Gerardy as an individual student aide for the 2010-2011 school year (Highland); Nicole Taylor as a cook for the 2010-2011 school year (MJH-replaces Carol Alex); Brenda Woolbright as a lunch/recess supervisor for the 2010-2011 school year (MC); Mark Bumphrey as a bus driver for the 2010-2011 school year; Rick Johnson as a bus driver for the 2010-2011 school year (open position); John LeClerq as a bus driver for the 2010-2011 school year (replaces B. Grover); Rick Taylor as a bus driver for the 2010-2011 school year (open position); Brenda Woolbright as a bus driver for the 2010-2011 school year (open position); and Susie Wright as a bus driver for the 2010-2011 school year (replaces M. Durfey). The personnel report also includes the **resignation** of Genny Wurster as cashier at Highland effective for the 2010-2011 school year.

Motion:

A motion was made by Larson, seconded by Pierce, to hire Denise Stansbery as the school nurse for the 2010-2011 school year (Highland-replaces Jessica Navejas). Ayes: Pierce, Reeverts, Jagielski, Larson, Mellon and Steenken. Abstain: Glendenning. Motion carried.

Adjourn

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

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Fruin, Secretary