

Meridian Community Board Minutes
December 14, 2006
7:00 P.M.

Minutes of a Special School Board Meeting of November 4, 2006

A special meeting of the Board of Education of Meridian Community Unit School District #223 was called to order by President Ron Steenken at 8:00 a.m. in the Meridian District Board of Education Room located in the Meridian Junior High School for the purpose of discussing criteria for the Long Range Planning and Facility Committee. Members present: Bonne, Glendenning, Jagielski, Larson and Reeverts. Superintendent Prusator was also present. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Mr. Janes arrived at 8:05 a.m.

The Meridian School Board reviewed Decision Criteria for the Long Range Planning and Facility Committee to work within as it relates to a potential fifth building. The criteria reviewed included: effect on educational opportunities; cost; equity for all district students; long term solution (10 years); impact on community; attendance centers and grade configuration; and transportation. The Board discussed the issue of grade configuration as it related to the possibility of having a fifth building in the district. The board modified the attendance center criteria to include the possibility of having early grades taught in different buildings, but to keep the attendance center configuration in place as much as possible. All other criteria remained unchanged. The Board also reviewed the potential cost of buildings and the possible tax increase to finance a building. The Board also discussed various methods to get community feedback on the facility project.

A motion was made by Glendenning, seconded by Bonne, to adjourn. Ayes: Bonne, Glendenning, Jagielski, Janes, Larson, Reeverts and Steenken. Time: 12:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert Prusator, Superintendent