

Meridian Community Board Minutes
March 22, 2007
7:00 P.M.

Minutes of a Regular School Board Meeting of March 8, 2007

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of Meridian Community Unit School District #223 was called to order by President Ron Steenken at 7:03 p.m. in the Meridian District Board of Education Room located in the Meridian Junior High School. Members present: Jagielski, Janes, Reeverts and Larson (via telephone). Superintendent Prusator was also present. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Mrs. Bonne arrived after roll call.

A motion was made by Bonne, seconded by Reeverts, to approve the consent agenda including the minutes of the February 22, 2007 regular board meeting, the payroll of March 20, 2007, and accounts payable for March 2007 per review by Mrs. Bonne. Ayes: Bonne, Jagielski, Janes, Larson, Reeverts and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Prusator announced that he would be holding community meetings on Tuesday, March 13th at Stillman Valley High School, Wednesday, March 14th at Monroe Center Elementary School and Tuesday, March 20th at the Davis Junction Fire Station. The meetings will begin at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Prusator will present information on district enrollment, demographics, the facility study, test scores, etc. and provide time for comments and questions.

Mr. Prusator gave a brief demonstration on the new door entry system at the Junior High School, which has also been installed at Highland and Monroe Center Schools. Mr. Prusator explained that, once the school day begins, all doors are locked and access is gained through a "buzzer" entry system monitored by the building offices by an outside camera. Mr. Prusator said that the project is a component of the Emergency Response/Crisis Management Grant provided through the United States Department of Education.

Mr. Glendenning arrived at 7:14 p.m.

There were no Notices and Communications.

There was no Community Input.

Mr. Prusator presented the Certified Teacher Seniority List for 2006-2007. He stated the list is accurate and reflects the appropriate teaching area of staff.

A motion was made by Janes, seconded by Bonne, to approve the Certified Teacher Seniority List for 2006-2007 as presented. Ayes: Glendenning, Jagielski, Janes, Reeverts, Bonne and Steenken. The phone connection with Mr. Larson was temporarily disrupted during the vote. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Prusator reviewed the preliminary recommendation of the Long Range Planning and Facility Committee.

Mr. Prusator reviewed the proposed 2007-2008 school calendar. He stated that he met with the other three districts with shared courses. The calendar is very similar to this year's calendar.

A motion was made by Jagielski, seconded by Janes, to approve the school calendar for 2007-2008 as presented. Ayes: Jagielski, Janes, Larson, Reeverts, Bonne, Glendenning and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously.

The approval of the Meridian CUSD #223 copier bid was tabled until the next meeting.

There were no Board Comments.

A motion was made by Janes, seconded by Reeverts, to adjourn to closed session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the district; collective negotiating matters between the District and its employees; the placement of individual students in special education programs or other matters relating to individual students; and probable litigation. Ayes: Janes, Larson, Reeverts, Bonne, Glendenning, Jagielski and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously. Time: 8:51 p.m.

A motion was made by Janes, seconded by Bonne, to return to open session. Motion carried unanimously. Time: 10:24 p.m.

A motion was made by Reeverts, seconded by Jagielski, to approve the minutes of the February 22, 2007 executive session. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Bonne, seconded by Jagielski, to hire the following: Brent Hall, 6th grade girls' basketball coach; Keith Hall, asst. 6th grade girls' basketball coach; James Baker, MJH asst. wrestling coach (due to numbers); Danna Fleming, Secretary for the Emergency Grant & Counseling Grant (20 hours per week, paid by grant); and Kristine Voth, Highland cashier (replaces Standard). Ayes: Bonne, Glendenning, Jagielski, Janes, Larson, Reeverts and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously.

The Negotiations Committee will consist of Ron Steenken, Tim Jagielski, and Bruce Larson.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Fruin, Secretary