

Meridian Community Board Minutes  
May 10, 2007  
7:00 P.M.

Minutes of a Regular School Board Meeting of April 19, 2007

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of Meridian Community Unit District #223 was called to order by President Ron Steenken on April 19, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the Meridian District Board of Education Room located in the Meridian Junior High School. Members present: Bonne, Glendenning, Jagielski, Janes, and Larson. Superintendent Prusator and Principal Mandzen were also present. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

A motion was made by Jagielski, seconded by Bonne, to approve the consent agenda including the minutes of the March 22, 2007 regular board meeting; April 2, 2007 special board meeting; April 4, 2007 special board meeting, payroll of April 20, 2007 and May 4, 2007; accounts payable for April 2007 per review by Mr. Jagielski; and authorize repayment of \$75,000 from Social Security /Medicaid Fund to Working Cash Fund. Ayes: Bonne, Glendenning, Jagielski, Janes, Larson and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Prusator reviewed a printout of the candidates and the votes cast at the April 17, 2007 election. The vote tally was as follows:

<u>CANDIDATE</u>	<u>TOWNSHIP</u>	<u>OGLE CO.</u>	<u>WINN. CO.</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>
Tim King	Marion S.	453	22	475
Bruce Larson	Marion S.	484	23	507
Barb Reeverts	Monroe	470	25	495

A motion was made by Janes, seconded by Jagielski, to accept the certified tallies of the April 17, 2007 election as canvassed and to declare the results as read. Ayes: Glendenning, Jagielski, Janes, Larson, Bonne and Steenken.

Mr. Steenken administered the oath of office to Mr. King and Mr. Larson.

Mr. Steenken presented a plaque, Meridian pin for exemplary service, and a lifetime pass to Mr. Janes on behalf of the Board of Education for his 12 years of service to the district. Mr. Janes thanked the board members and said it was an honor to be on the board and represent the constituents of the district.

A motion was made by Jagielski, seconded by Bonne, to adjourn the regular meeting. Ayes: Jagielski, Janes, Larson, Bonne, Glendenning and Steenken.

## Minutes of a Reorganization Meeting of April 19, 2007

The reorganization meeting for the new Board of Education was called to order by Mr. Steenken on April 19, 2007 in the Meridian Board of Education Room located in the Meridian Junior High School. Members present: Bonne, Glendenning, Jagielski, King, and Larson. Superintendent Prusator and Principal Mandzen were also present. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

A motion was made by Steenken, seconded by Glendenning, to appoint Mr. Janes as temporary president for the purpose of conducting the election of officers. Motion carried unanimously.

Nominations were declared open for President of the Board.

Mr. Jagielski nominated Mr. Steenken for president.

A motion was made by Glendenning, seconded by Jagielski, to close the nominations. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Jagielski, seconded by Bonne, to elect Mr. Steenken as president. Ayes: Glendenning, Jagielski, King, Larson, Bonne and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously.

Nominations were declared open for Vice President of the Board.

A motion was made by Larson, seconded by Bonne, to close the nominations. Ayes: Larson, Bonne, Glendenning, Jagielski, King and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Steenken, seconded by Jagielski, to elect Mrs. Reeverts as vice president. Ayes: Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Reeverts, seconded by King, to retain Donna Fruin as board secretary for a two-year term ending April 2009. Ayes: Bonne, Glendenning, Jagielski, King, Larson and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Jagielski, seconded by Bonne, to confirm employment of Judy VanBriesen as treasurer for the district. Ayes: Glendenning, Jagielski, King, Larson, Bonne and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Jagielski, seconded by Steenken, to retain Stillman BancCorp, N.A. as the depository of funds for the district. Ayes: Jagielski, King, Larson and Steenken. Abstain: Bonne and Glendenning. Motion carried.

Discussion followed concerning appointments to various committees as follows:

Illinois Association of School Boards – Jagielski  
Ogle County Educational Cooperative – Special Ed. – King  
Hearing officer for free/reduced price lunch program – Glendenning  
SVEA/Board Insurance Committee – Jagielski  
District Sick Leave Bank Committee- Bonne  
Intergovernmental Joint Library Committee – Steenken, Larson, Reeverts

A motion was made by Larson, seconded by Steenken, to approve the appointed board representatives to the various committees. Ayes: King, Larson, Bonne, Glendenning, Jagielski and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Prusator reviewed the dates/times/place of Board meetings for the remainder of the year.

A motion was made by Bonne, seconded by Glendenning, to confirm the dates/times/places for the Board meetings for the remainder of the fiscal year. Ayes: Larson, Bonne, Glendenning, Jagielski, King and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Glendenning, seconded by Jagielski, to adopt the policy manual and handbooks of the previous board. Ayes: Bonne, Glendenning, Jagielski, King, Larson and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously.

There was no superintendent's report.

Mr. Mandzen reported that the handbook committee met on Tuesday. The committee is made up of three teachers, four parents and six students. There were no major changes. Invitations have been sent to board members for the Academic Awards on Monday, April 30th and the Junior-Senior Banquet on Wednesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>. PSAE will be held on next Wednesday and Thursday.

Under Notices and Communications, Mr. Prusator stated that he received a letter from the Illinois State Board of Education notifying the district of attaining the designation of "Recognition" on the ISBE financial profile.

Under Community Input, Alisa Patterson-Orozco addressed the Board once again regarding the wrestling program. William Orozco volunteered to be on the policy committee.

A motion was made by Bonne, seconded by King, to approve the continued membership in the Illinois High School Association (IHSA) for the 2007-2008 school year. Ayes: Glendenning, Jagielski, King, Larson, Bonne and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Mandzen reviewed the proposed new textbooks for 2007-2008. They will be on display at SVHS until the next board meeting.

Nance Lorenz and Becky Waltrip, Stillman Valley Village Trustees, gave a presentation on the Stillman Valley bike path plan.

Mr. Prusator reviewed the bids to resurface the SVHS track. The running surface of the track was provided through a recycled tire grant. The track is 10 years old and needs to be resurfaced. Mr. Prusator also stated that he would like to implement a capital project plan thought would identify projects like the track which need to be planned in advance.

Under Board Comments, Mr. Larson handed out a Wall Street Journal Article addressing the issue of a shortage of educated workers in the U.S. Mr. Jagielski suggested taking a tour of the facilities as a board.

A motion was made by Jagielski, seconded by Larson, to adjourn to closed session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the district. Ayes: Jagielski, King, Larson, Bonne, Glendenning and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously. Time: 8:30 p.m.

A motion was made by Bonne, seconded by Jagielski, to return to open session. Motion carried unanimously. Time: 9:31 p.m.

A motion was made by Larson, seconded by Bonne, to approve the minutes of the March 22, 2007 and April 2, 2007 executive sessions. Ayes: Larson, Bonne, Glendenning, Jagielski, King and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Glendenning, seconded by Larson, to approve the personnel report including the **hiring** of the following: Beth Kleinschmidt, SVHS mathematics (replaces Wagner); Rita Gillespie, SVHS mathematics (replaces Maas); Steven Nerovich, SVHS Industrial Technology (replaces D. Johnson); Rebecca Barton, MJH 7<sup>th</sup> grade science (replaces Ator); Michelle Eyster, MJH 7<sup>th</sup> grade English (replaces Lamoreaux, transfer from SVHS special ed); Jerry Kissinger, Highland 2<sup>nd</sup> shift custodian (replaces Vargas); Amy Powell, special education bus aide (replaces Woolbright); Susan Hager, MJH asst. track coach (due to numbers); Brent Hall, MJH PE (replaces Murray); transfer of Raylene Rzasa, Highland aide to MC (replaces Scordato); and transfer of Carla Duschen, Highland noon aide, to Highland individual student aide (replaces Rzasa). The personnel report also includes the **resignation** of the following: Karyn Metcalf, Highland 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teacher; Kathleen Scordato, MC 5<sup>th</sup> grade classroom aide; Shannon O'Hare, SVHS sophomore girls' basketball coach; Ben Hickerson, SVHS freshmen girls' basketball coach; Mike Nielsen, SVHS freshmen boys' basketball coach; Brenda Woolbright, special education bus aide; and Leslie Showers, SVHS student council advisor. The personnel report also includes the **dismissal of teacher aides due to unknown special education staffing for next year, unknown grant allocation, or aide for individual students including the following:** Danielle Ducey, MJH special education aide; Trudy Hoey, MJH special education aide; Jennifer DiFiore, MC classroom aide; Raylene Rzasa, MC classroom aide; Rose Steig, MC special education

aide; Mary Jones, Highland individual student aide; Karen Feldhaus, Highland Early Childhood aide; Leigh Whitmire, Highland individual student aide; and Lori Wetzell, Highland individual student aide. Ayes: Bonne, Glendenning, Jagielski, King, Larson and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Bonne, seconded by King, to approve the maternity leave request for Jennifer Pansegrau (SVHS science teacher) to begin August 16, 2007 through the end of the first semester of the 2007-2008 school year. Ayes: Glendenning, Jagielski, King, Larson, Reeverts and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Larson, seconded by Jagielski to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Donna Fruin, Secretary