**Minutes**

**Regular Board of Education Meeting**

**March 8, 2017**

**7:00 p.m.**

The board of education of the Meredosia-Chambersburg School District met in regular session March 8, 2017 in the boardroom of the Meredosia-Chambersburg School. President Jeff Schmitz called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll call was taken with the following members present: Jeff Schmitz, Jason Morton, Brian Werries, and Scott Gregory. Members Miranda Liehr, and Kevin Kleinschmidt were absent. Member Kevin Duesterhaus arrived at 7:20 p.m. Also present were Supt. Thad Walker, JH/HS principal Dan Carie, Carolyn Browning, bookkeeper/secretary, Mike Gadberry, Christina Brant and Shirley Bilyeu.

Member Brian Werries made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Member Jason Morton seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Jeff Schmitz, yea; Jason Morton, yea; Brian Werries, yea; and Scott Gregory, yea. Motion carried 4 yeas – 0 nays.

There were no public comments.

Reports:

Superintendent’s Report:

* Contract negotiations went very well. I hope the committee feels the same.
* We have a letter from a parent regarding her child being injured while at school.
* We are working on the school calendar for the 2017-2018 school year. Looking at starting August 15th with students first day beginning August 16th and then ending May 25th. HS Graduation would be then on May 25th and 8th grade promotion on May 24th. We will be meeting with the calendar committee in the upcoming weeks. I will have a calendar for you at the April board meeting.
* I would like to extend Mr. Carie’s contract three more years. He has one year left currently on his current contract. In a show of good faith I feel this needs to be done.
* I would like to have your permission to offer the staff the opportunity to purchase items we have left in the old grade school. I will get a current inventory so we can keep track of the price for each item.
* May 10th we will have a Retirement/Appreciation reception in the cafeteria starting at 6:15 p.m. and going to 6:45 p.m. for Mr. Gadberry, Jeff Schmitz and Kevin Kleinschmidt.
* With our special education numbers next year we are going to need another special education teacher. The teacher will work both in the elementary and Jr. High. We have 6 students that will need some self contained instruction next year and we are running into some coverage issues in the Jr. High.
* We need to fix the boiler so it will run more efficient with a 2 way valve. This will eliminate the boiler running every 10 minutes and it will be more efficient and safe a lot of money on our heating bills. Second Generation said we should save the amount of the cost to fix it next year alone. This will eliminate the thermostats in the classrooms and have one centrally located. The cost is $6792.30.

Dates: March 7th – National Tornado Drill at 10 a.m.

March 13-22nd – ISBE Audit

March 23 – Parent/Teacher Conferences

March 24 – No School

JH/HS Principal’s Report:

* CSI Meeting in Bloomington – March 1st (Principal’s Summit)
* ATI Testing complete (report data)
* March 8th – Junior Class attending the play “Grapes of Wrath” at Sangamon Auditorium
* March 10th – SNL Skits at 7 p.m.
* March 11th – All Star Game (girls) at Routt (Brooke Walker)
* March 14th – PARCC Testing will begin for elementary and JH
* March 17th – Quarter Ends
* March 18th – Dancing with The Stars Fundraiser
* March 23- Parent/Teacher Conferences 12:30-7 p.m.
* March 24 – No School – JH Dance from 6-8 p.m. in small gym
* District Leadership Team administration met
* Recommend to hire JH Track Coach – Tony Cerveny
* Recommend to hire HS head volleyball coach – Amy Davis
* April 5 – SAT testing for Juniors
* April 8 – Prom at Inner Harmony in Jacksonville

Member Scott Gregory made the motion to go into Closed Session at 7:30 p.m. to discuss litigation, land acquisition, negotiations, student disciplinary cases, and to consider information regarding the appointment, employment, or dismissal of an employee or officer. Member Brian Werries seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Kevin Duesterhaus, yea; Jason Morton, yea; Brian Werries, yea; Scott Gregory, yea; and Jeff Schmitz, yea.

Motion carried 5 yeas – 0 nays.

Members came out of executive session at 8:20 p.m. by unanimous vote.

Member Jason Morton made a motion to adopt a resolution to hire Tony Cerveny as a Jr. High Track Coach. Member Kevin Duesterhaus seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Jason Morton, yea; Brian Werries, yea; Scott Gregory, yea; Jeff Schmitz, yea; and Kevin Duesterhaus, yea. Motion carried 5 yeas – 0 nays.

Member Jason Morton made a motion to adopt a resolution to hire Amy Davis as a High School Volleyball Coach for SY17. Member Brian Werries seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Brian Werries, yea; Scott Gregory, yea; Jeff Schmitz, yea; Kevin Duesterhaus, yea and Jason Morton, yea. Motion carried 5 yeas – 0 nays.

Member Jason Morton made a motion to adopt a resolution to hire Melissa Kackley as a grade school paraprofessional aide for the rest of the 2016-2017 school year. Member Scott Gregory seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Scott Gregory, yea; Jeff Schmitz, yea; Kevin Duesterhaus, yea; Jason Morton, yea; and Brian Werries, yea. Motion carried 5 yeas – 0 nays.

Member Brian Werries made a motion to adopt a resolution to hire Melissa Ritter as a grade school paraprofessional aide for the rest of the 2016-2017 school year. Member Jason Morton seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Jeff Schmitz, yea; Kevin Duesterhaus, yea; Jason Morton, yea; Brian Werries, yea and Scott Gregory, yea. Motion carried 5 yeas – 0 nays.

Member Scott Gregory made a motion to adopt a resolution to hire a Special Ed. Teacher. Member Kevin Duesterhaus seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Kevin Duesterhaus, yea; Jason Morton, yea; Brian Werries, yea; Scott Gregory, yea; and Jeff Schmitz, yea. Motion carried 5 yeas – 0 nays.

Member Brian Werries made a motion to accept the resignation of Kyle Sakowicz, JH Math Teacher. Member Jason Morton seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Jason Morton, yea; Brian Werries, yea; Scott Gregory, yea; Jeff Schmitz, yea; and Kevin Duesterhaus, yea. Motion carried 5 yeas – 0 nays.

Member Jason Morton made a motion to adopt a resolution to approve the 2017-2020 Teacher’s Contract. Member Brian Werries seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Brian Werries, yea; Scott Gregory, yea; Jeff Schmitz, yea; Kevin Duesterhaus, yea and Jason Morton, yea. Motion carried 5 yeas – 0 nays.

Member Jason Morton made a motion to grant Mr. Carie, JH/HS Principal a 3 year extension to his existing contract. Member Kevin Duesterhaus seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Scott Gregory, yea; Jeff Schmitz, yea; Kevin Duesterhaus, yea; Jason Morton, yea; and Brian Werries, yea. Motion carried 5 yeas – 0 nays.

Member Brian Werries made a motion to ratify the joining of the IHSA. Member Scott Gregory seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Jeff Schmitz, yea; Kevin Duesterhaus, yea; Jason Morton, yea; Brian Werries, yea; and Scott Gregory, yea. Motion carried 5 yea – 0 nays.

Member Jason Morton made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Brian Werries seconded the motion. Motion carried via voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

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President, Jeff Schmitz

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Secretary, Miranda Liehr