**Minutes**

**Regular Board of Education Meeting**

**May 10, 2017**

**7:05 p.m.**

The board of education of the Meredosia-Chambersburg School District met in regular session May 10, 2017 in the boardroom of the Meredosia-Chambersburg School. President Jason Morton called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Roll call was taken with the following members present: Jason Morton, Kevin Duesterhaus, Brian Werries, Madeline Buhlig and Scott Gregory. Member Miranda Liehr was absent. Also present were Supt. Thad Walker, JH/HS principal Dan Carie, Carolyn Browning, secretary, Mike Gadberry, Jeff Schmitz, Christina Brant and Shirley Bilyeu.

Member Brian Werries a motion to approve the consent agenda. Member Kevin Duesterhaus seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Jason Morton, yea; Kevin Duesterhaus, yea; Brian Werries, yea; Madeline Buhlig, yea and Scott Gregory, yea. Motion carried 5 yeas – 0 nays.

President Jason Morton thanked the 2 retirees – Mike Gadberry, teacher and Jeff Schmitz, school board member for their years of service to the school district.

Reports:

Superintendent’s Report:

* Teacher’s have agreed on a new reading series for K-6th called “Journey’s”. The price will be $35,808.10 and this will supply materials for six years. Thanks to Mr. Reiss for all of his work he’s done during this process.
* Pike County Clerk – Donnie Apps called Mrs. Browning and let her know we will receive $107,000 in back taxes next year. Pike County did not calculate the taxes correctly.
* Water line and bathrooms are completed with a cost of $4800. Metz Plumbing and Heating did the work. All of the locks will be keyed to one master key for the concession stand bathrooms and crows nest for the pitching machine.
* I understand the baseball diamond is our responsibility, but it would be nice to have the little league put together a work day to get the diamond ready for next year. We need to pull the dirt from the skirting of the diamond into the infield and build up the pitchers mound.
* We will be working on the backstop this summer and repairing some of the fencing around the diamond.
* We need to set a budget for summer help. I’m figuring around $9000. Jerry’s main concern is the floors and painting inside and out. The floors have not had enough attention over the past couple of summers due to the renovation. I would also like to get dugouts, crows nest, cafeteria and other touch ups done throughout the school.
* We have a candidate for Special Education and one for the P.E./Health position. Brandon Bettis for Special Ed. And Abby West for P.E./Health. Both are interested in coaching. Brandon currently coaches football and Abby is interested in track and doing a girls run. This is a running program for 4th and 5th grade girls.
* Mr. Smetters has taken his bus driver/driving test. We will have another bus driver on staff now.
* The Active Shooter Presentation was held Friday, May 5th for all staff. My friend who is a Federal Marshall gave the presentation and did a great job.
* I would like to offer a summer reading program. This would offer the program for grades 1st-6th grade for four days a week from 9-11 a.m. I feel this would help the students retain their reading level and put an emphasis on reading in the community.
* K-6th went to Rushville to a movie and park and had an enjoyable time.
* Thad and Dan went to the CEO program and was very impressed by everyone’s booths. Grant Duesterhaus did a fine job. We have several interested for next year and 3 girls have already been accepted.
* Discussion was held on the outside sign. Thad presented a bill that would replace existing sign on both sides and have new letters. The cost would be $4955. He will contact the fire department and ask them to pay ½ of the cost of that sign. Mr. Carie gave two quotes for wireless signs. One is around $12,000 and the other around $14,000 but does pictures etc. Discussion of possibly taking the money we receive from the fire department and put towards an wireless sign.

Mr. Gadberry gave a presentation on Community Eligibility Provision (CEP). He passed out handouts to the board members which showed the breakdown of Traditional Method versus CEP Method. He recommended us going with the CEP Method. After discussion was held the board gave the directive to go with the CEP method. Mr. Gadberry will get together with Mrs. Browning and help her fill out the online forms needed to start the process. The CEP method would provide all students with free breakfast/lunches.

JH/HS Principal’s Report:

* May 12th – Band and Choir trip to Six Flags
* May 16th – National Honor society Induction at 7 p.m. with 4 inductees
* May 17th – Jr./Sr. High Awards Day program at 2:15 p.m.
* May 21st – Spring Concert at 3 p.m. for grades 5th -12th
* IESA renew membership
* PARCC & ATI testing completed
* Summer workers – we have applications from adults and students
* Senior Class Trip to Hawaii was successful and all returned home safely
* Currently everyone is on track to be promoted and graduate.
* May 24-25th Final Exams
* May 26th – Field/Activity Day with 2:16 dismissal and report cards distributed
* May 30th – Teacher’s Institute
* JH Promotion – June 1, 2017 at 7 p.m. -- Brian Werries will present diplomas
* HS Promotion – June 2, 2017 at 7 p.m. – Brian Werries will present diplomas
* End of school year schedule

Member Brian Werries made the motion to go into Closed Session at 8:08 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 Kevin Duesterhaus seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Kevin Duesterhaus, yea; Brian Werries, yea; Madeline Buhlig, yea; Scott Gregory, yea and Jason Morton, yea.

Motion carried 5 yeas – 0 nays.

Members came out of executive session at 8:48 p.m. Member Kevin Duesterhaus made the motion and seconded by Member Brian Werries. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Member Madeline Buhlig made a motion to authorize administration to hire summer help. Member Brian Werries seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Brian Werries, yea; Madeline Buhlig, yea; Scott Gregory, yea; Jason Morton, yea and Kevin Duesterhaus, yea. Motion carried 5 yeas – 0 nays.

Member Brian Werries made a motion to approve the 2nd reading of the IASB School District policy updates. Member Kevin Duesterhaus seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Madeline Buhlig, yea; Scott Gregory, yea; Jason Morton, yea; Kevin Duesterhaus, yea and Brian Werries, yea. Motion carried 5 yeas – 0 nays.

Member Kevin Duesterhaus made a motion to approve the resignation of Tony Cerveny, P.E./Health Teacher. Member Brian Werries seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Scott Gregory, yea; Jason Morton, yea; Kevin Duesterhaus, yea; Brian Werries, yea; and Madeline Buhlig, yea. Motion carried 5 yeas – 0 nays.

Action Item 6.4 was tabled because we did not receive a letter of resignation from Ryan Sichting yet.

Member Brian Werries made a motion to approve tenure of Kara Cox, Kindergarten teacher. Member Madeline Buhlig seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Jason Morton, yea; Kevin Duesterhaus, yea; Brian Werries, yea; Madeline Buhlig, yea and Scott Gregory, yea. Motion carried 5 yeas – 0 nays.

Member Brian Werries made a motion to approve tenure of Sirena Alexander, 5th Grade Teacher. Member Madeline Buhlig seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Kevin Duesterhaus, yea; Brian Werries, yea; Madeline Buhlig, yea; Scott Gregory, yea; and Jason Morton, yea. Motion carried 5 yeas – 0 nays.

Member Brian Werries made a motion to approve relocation of Two Rivers to Virginia School District. Member Scott Gregory seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Madeline Buhlig, yea; Scott Gregory, yea; Jason Morton, yea Kevin Duesterhaus, yea and Brian Werries, yea. Motion carried 5 yeas – 0 nays.

Member Brian Werries made a motion to approve purchasing the reading series “Journey’s”. Member Madeline Buhlig seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Scott Gregory, yea; Jason Morton, yea; Kevin Duesterhaus, yea; Brian Werries, yea and Madeline Buhlig, yea. Motion carried 5 yeas – 0 nays.

The board gave direction to Thad Walker to post for summer reading program.

Member Brian Werries made a resolution to hire Brandon Bettis as Special Education Teacher for the 2017-2018 school year. Member Scott Gregory seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Jason Morton, yea; Kevin Duesterhaus, yea; Brian Werries, yea; Madeline Buhlig, yea and Scott Gregory, yea. Motion carried 5 yeas – 0 nays.

Member Kevin Duesterhaus made a resolution to hire Abby West as P.E./Health Teacher for the 2017-2018 school year. Member Scott Gregory seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Kevin Duesterhaus, yea; Brian Werries, yea; Madeline Buhlig, yea; Scott Gregory, yea and Jason Morton, yea. Motion carried 5 yeas – 0 nays.

Member Brian Werries made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Kevin Duesterhaus seconded the motion. Motion carried via voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

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Secretary, Miranda Liehr