**Minutes**

**Regular Board of Education Meeting**

**September 13, 2017**

**7:00 p.m.**

The board of education of the Meredosia-Chambersburg School District met in regular session September 13, 2017 in the boardroom of the Meredosia-Chambersburg School. President Jason Morton called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. Roll call was taken with the following members present: Jason Morton, Kevin Duesterhaus, Brian Werries, Madeline Buhlig, Jeff Browning, and Miranda Liehr. Member Scott Gregory was absent. Also present were Superintendent Thad Walker, JH/HS principal Dan Carie, Carolyn Browning, secretary, Adam Withee, auditor, Christina Brant and Shirley Bilyeu.

Member Madeline Buhlig had a question concerning how many rooms now did not have air conditioners in them. Superintendent Thad Walker said there were 7 rooms. He went on to say his goal is to have air conditioners in every room.

Member Brian Werries made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Member Madeline Buhlig seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Kevin Duesterhaus,yea; Brian Werries, yea; Madeline Buhlig, yea; Jeff Browning, yea; Miranda Liehr, yea and Jason Morton, yea. Motion carried 6 yeas – 0 nays.

There were no public comments.

**Reports:**

 Adam Withee, school auditor with Zumbahlen, Eyth & Surratt gave the findings from the District Audit held in July. Each board member, superintendent, principal and bookkeeper were given an audit report. Adam said overall the findings were similar to last year. Discussion was held regarding the findings. Our score was 3.9 out of 4.

**Superintendent’s Report:**

* The school is off to a great start!
* Asking to post for a part-time P.E. teacher since we are having issues with working out scheduling between block schedule and P.E. times. Of course this wasn’t an issue last year because we had a full time P.E. teacher. Our plans are to go back to regular schedule instead of block schedule next year.
* The new outdoor sign will be shipped on September 18th from Alabama. We’ve been getting the area ready and the old sign has been removed. We will need to drill two new holes for the new dimensions and anchor the bolts. Dean Sandman from Bluffs will be doing the work for us.
* We purchased a new refrigerator for the cafeteria cold lunches kids bring.
* The school popcorn popper died so we have replaced that as well. I borrowed one from the Winchester IOOF to get us through the volleyball tournament. We will send them a thank you for the use of their machine.
* We are picking up a student from Triopia now and taking them to JHS this school year. We won’t have to pay Triopia for busing our one student to Griggsville. Mr. Eisenhauer, Triopia Superintendent and I agreed to just trade services.
* Jerry Phillips had emergency heart surgery so we have hired Renee Browning to work 4 hours a night until Jerry gets back to full strength.
* I am working with Clayton from QNS to get a bid on replacing the chromebooks in the Jr./Sr. High. We are working on a three year rotation so they will always be under warranty. The ones we currently have are going on their 4th year and we are starting to see some issues. The students have done a nice job taking care of them. Thanks to Clayton for being able to repair the broken computers.
* We are moving Mrs. Drake to what used to be the old storage room which is now Mr. Bettis Room. They are going to share the room with a divider to separate the two classrooms. We are in desperate need of a room for meetings. The board room will then strictly be a meeting room. We have upgraded the chairs. I would like to remove the TV from the room and set up another informational TV in the HS end of the building.

Superintendent’s Report continued:

* We are working with CSI for our Wednesday professional development days. Dan Frederking is our main person. He is very knowledgeable on the new ESSA standards and the ATI programs we use for student data. We had a good meeting with the grade school teachers this week.
* At this moment the State owes us $54,792.62 of FRIS money from FY2017. We are slowly receiving some of the money they owe us from FY17.
* Title I hasn’t been released yet.

**JH/HS Principal’s Report:**

* ATI testing started September 5-15
* Early out SIP Day. Discussed smart goals and planning for remaining dates.
* Enrollment totals are HS-58 students and JH – 37 students
* MTV Homecoming week is September 11-15. There will be daily activities.

September 14 – homecoming game day from Noon-3 at Triopia (High school students and teachers will attend)

September 15 – Homecoming Game at 7 p.m. Half time – court announced

September 16 – Homecoming Dance from 7-9:30 p.m. at Triopia

* Inter-state Picture Day
* The 40th Meredosia-Chambersburg volleyball tournament was a success and weather cooperated.
* We started with 5 girls going out for basketball – several quit but 3 went to practice the other day.

Member Miranda Liehr made the motion to go into Closed Session at 7:58 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 Jeff Browning seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Brian Werries, yea; Madeline Buhlig, yea; Jeff Browning, yea; Miranda Liehr, yea; Jason Morton, yea and Kevin Duesterhaus, yea. Motion carried 6 yeas – 0 nays.

Members came out of executive session at 8:42 p.m. Member Kevin Duesterhaus made the motion and seconded by Member Brian Werries. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Member Miranda Liehr made a motion to approve hiring a part time P.E. teacher. Member Jeff Browning seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Madeline Buhlig, yea; Jeff Browning, yea; Miranda Liehr, yea; Jason Morton, yea; Kevin Duesterhaus, yea and Brian Werries, yea. Motion carried 6 yeas – 0 nays.

Member Madeline Buhlig made a motion to approve Victoria Miller as volunteer volleyball assistant. Member Brian Werries seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Jeff Browning, yea; Miranda Liehr, yea; Jason Morton, yea; Kevin Duesterhaus, yea; Brian Werries, yea and Madeline Buhlig, yea. Motion carried 6 yeas – 0 nays.

Member Madeline Buhlig made a motion to approve an increase in the bookkeeper’s compensation. Member Brian Werries seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Miranda Liehr, yea; Jason Morton, yea; Kevin Duesterhaus, yea; Brian Werries, yea; Madeline Buhlig, yea and Jeff Browning, yea. Motion carried 6 yeas – 0 nays.

Member Miranda Liehr made a motion to approve teacher Jason Martin returning to school to receive a Type 75 administrative certificate. Member Jeff Browning seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Jason Morton, yea; Kevin Duesterhaus, yea; Brian Werries, yea; Madeline Buhlig, yea; Jeff Browning, yea and Miranda Liehr, yea. Motion carried 6 yeas – 0 nays.

Member Miranda Liehr made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Brian Werries seconded the motion. Motion carried via voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

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Secretary, Miranda Liehr