**Minutes**

**Regular Board of Education Meeting**

**November 8, 2017**

**7:00 p.m.**

The board of education of the Meredosia-Chambersburg School District met in regular session November 8, 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, Brian Werries, Jeff Browning, and Scott Gregory. Member Kevin Duesterhaus arrived at 7:20 p.m. and members Miranda Liehr and Madeline Buhlig were absent. Also present were Superintendent Thad Walker, JH/HS principal Dan Carie, Carolyn Browning, secretary, Christina Brant and Shirley Bilyeu.

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

Board President Jason Morton read a letter of resignation from Miranda Liehr resigning from the school board due to relocation. She stated it had been an honor to serve on the school board and work with honorable people that are dedicated to the district. The position will be posted and it will be an “in town” position to be filled. By unanimous voice vote Madeline Buhlig was appointed secretary.

**Reports:**

**Superintendent’s Report:**

* When Adam Withee, Auditor was here he suggested we spend some of our tort money. Since we are levying for it and have not spent any for some time I have contacted Chris Ornellas from CILCOM to give us a quote for security cameras. The cameras will only be for security purpose only.
* We have had an inquiry about the playground equipment at the old grade school. They were looking at it for their church. After initial contact they haven’t called back.
* We have received all of our back taxes from Pike County totaling $105,729.57. In total we have received $347,041.20 this year from Pike County with one final payment left.
* Morath Tree Service took the 2 trees down and did a great job for $900.
* We have received $10,000 in Title IV money this year to be used on elementary P.E., health and behavioral intervention. We could spend 15% on technology so we purchased 5 touchscreen chromebooks for the elementary students.
* JH/HS chromebooks are dying so I have been in contact with QNS and we have ordered 50 new chromebooks for the JH/HS. The juniors and seniors will receive the new chromebooks. The elementary will get 20 chromebooks. We are using the charging carts we currently have. The older ones will be used for spares and the staff can use if they need one. They will be purchased through the REAP grant on a 3 year payment plan. Total cost is $17,418.50 and we will pay $5,810 a year for the new computers. The nice part is when they are paid for the warranty runs out at the same time. So we can start the process all over again. With our current situation they were bought through a different company and had to be sent off for warranty work. QN will have everything we need in house.
* Some upcoming projects we are thinking about is the overhang and new concrete entrance, resurfacing of the blacktop, new gym ceiling in the small gym and looking at a new storage building down by the football field.
* Julie came and marked for the new playground and removal of tree stumps. Nutoys will come in a week to help show where to mark to put up new playground.
* Leader water testing reports came back and overall we did well. We do have to replace water fountain in the kitchen and faucets in the kitchen.
* Had someone come in and test the ceiling tiles for asbestos.
* There have been no inquiries about the old grade school. Would like to post in the local papers to see if there is anyone interested in purchasing it.

**JH/HS Principal’s Report:**

* Veteran’s Day celebration was November 3rd and everyone did a wonderful job. Special thanks to Madeline Buhlig and Sandy Battefeld heading this again and all the work they do to get it ready. Journal Courier was here and covered the program.
* We had early out on Wednesday and there will be Data talk the 3rd Wednesday of the month. Think its been beneficial.
* Mid-term ended November 10th.
* K-12 PCA Halloween carnival was a big success. Band performed. Thinking about incorporating the Trunk or Treat with the Halloween Carnival next year instead of 2 different nights.
* Volleyball numbers for junior high – 17 kids signed up showing interest. Amy Davis, coach is going to have clinics for younger players.
* Monica Baulos is interested in being assistant track coach for 2018. There would be only 1 head coach and 1 assistant for both JH/HS track combined.
* December 7th will be the Winter Concert. 6:30 for Elementary and 7:30 for JH/HS
* PCA is planning on serving hotdogs December 4th at Reading night.
* Winter dance for JH is in the works.

Member Brian Werries made the motion to go into Closed Session at 7:33 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 Scott Gregory seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Kevin Duesterhaus, yea; Brian Werries, yea; Jeff Browning, yea; Scott Gregory, yea; and Jason Morton, yea. Motion carried 5 yeas – 0 nays.

Members came out of executive session at 7:57 p.m. Member Scott Gregory made the motion and seconded by Member Brian Werries. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Member Kevin Duesterhaus made a motion to adopt a resolution to accept the 2016 Tax Levy and hold a truth in taxation hearing at the December 13th, 2017 board meeting at 6:50 p.m. Member Scott Gregory seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Jeff Browning, yea; Scott Gregory, yea; Jason Morton, yea; Kevin Duesterhaus, yea and Brian Werries, yea. Motion carried 5 yeas – 0 nays.

Member Kevin Duesterhaus made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Brian Werries seconded the motion. Motion carried via voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

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President, Jason Morton

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Secretary, Madeline Buhlig