**Minutes**

**Regular Board of Education Meeting**

**December 13, 2017**

**7:00 p.m.**

The board of education of the Meredosia-Chambersburg School District met in regular session December 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 Scott Gregory. Also present were Superintendent Thad Walker, JH/HS principal Dan Carie, Carolyn Browning, secretary, Jason Morton, Quentin Casson, Jayla Wilson, Emma Welch, Christina Brant and Shirley Bilyeu.

Member Kevin Duesterhaus made a motion to approve the consent agenda. 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 Scott Gregory, yea. Motion carried 6 yeas – 0 nays.

**Public Comments:**

Quinton Casson expressed concerns he had with the music program/teacher and his daughter. He also didn’t feel that music should be given a grade. Member Kevin Duesterhaus said that it is a graded program and that is nothing they have control of changing. President Jason Morton expressed he feels we are very fortunate to have a music program in our school. Music also helps some children fill a void where they possibly don’t fit into other areas as well. He told Mr. Casson that the board would take what he said under advisement and thanked him for coming. Superintendent Walker said he would give him a call Friday and update him on any decisions made.

**Reports:**

**Senior Social Class Trip:**

Emma Welch passed out their 2018 senior class trip itinerary while Jayla Wilson presented the itinerary details of the trip. They plan on flying to Hawaii on Tuesday, May 1st. Some of the things they will be doing will be a Luau, Dolphin & Snorkel tour, visiting the Arizona Memorial with Honolulu City Tour, a hike up Diamond Head. They will be returning on Sunday, May 6th into St. Louis then return by bus back to Meredosia. There are 6 members of the social class and their 2 class sponsors are Jason Martin and Monica Baulos. They are $500 short of paying for the trip now but they have 1 major fundraiser along with several basketball concessions so they feel they will meet their goal with no problem. President Jason Morton thanked them for presenting their trip to the school board.

**Superintendent’s Report:**

* Midwest Youth Services came Wednesday, November 29th and gave a presentation to our staff about the services they provide.
* Health/Life/Safety plan came back from ROE and we had a few minor infractions that can easily be fixed. Examples: Non flame retardant curtains, storage too high on shelves, emergency light in speech room, and we need an exhaust fan in the teachers workroom. We are in the process of fixing these items.
* Thank you to everyone who attended the School Board convention – we had a great time.
* We had the next step done for testing of ceiling tiles. They did come back hot on a scale from 1.77-3.55 of fiber clusters. Anything over 1.0 is considered a hazard. Our next step will be to come up with a plan to remove the tiles and move forward. Also with the lighting grant this needs to be put on hold due to working in the ceiling. When we do the ceilings we will also need to address the floors.
* December 19th Mr. Carie and myself will be fixing breakfast for the staff starting at 7:15 a.m. and the board is welcome to come if you are available. Menu: Pancakes, scrambled eggs, bacon, coffee and juice.
* You are also invited to attend the December 22nd festivities. We will have caroling in the morning with staff

singing a song, an ugly sweater contest, a movie in the small gym – “Elf” and the Jr/Sr High will be doing activities in the big gym.

* We have someone that has expressed interest in the old grade school building and would like to look at it.
* We have had only one interested person for the open board in town seat. I would like to post the opening for another month. I believe the person who is interested is qualified and could possibly be a good fit.

**Superintendent’s Report continued**:

* The reading night was a success. We had 44 students attend along with their parents. Thanks to the PCA for hosting the meal and donating the leftovers to be given out at lunch time.
* December 22nd winter break begins and staff returns January 3rd, students return January 4th.

**Principal’s Report – Jr/Sr High School:**

* Elementary and Jr/Sr Winter Concert was held December 7th and was very well attended.
* DLT (District Leadership Team) came on December 13th
* M-C Giving Tree: Each year Christmas tree is designated to raising money for a worthy cause. Susan Manker’s husband Steve has a severe illness and the money will be given to him this year. So far they have collected around $900 and will go till January 19th. Money given is kept track by grades and awards will be given for grades who collected the most.
* Final exam schedule: December 20th – Hours 1, 3, 5, 7 and December 21 – Hours 2, 4, 6, 8
* December 22nd Activity Day
* JH Coop Volleyball numbers –we have 9 total going out and they go to Triopia for this
* Tri-County biddy ball practices have started. We will have 2 games at Meredosia on January 6th and February 3rd.
* New outdoor sign is very nice, has been changed and updated. Still learning how to do everything but loving you can change sign from inside. Thank you to the board for getting this.
* We are having a high school boys basketball game here for the first time in a long time – this Friday, December 15th.

Member Brian Werries made the motion to go into Closed Session at 7:26 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; Jeff Browning, yea; Scott Gregory, yea; Jason Morton, yea and Kevin Duesterhaus, yea. Motion carried 6 yeas – 0 nays.

Members came out of executive session at 8:35 p.m. Member Brian Werries made the motion and seconded by Member Kevin Duesterhaus. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Member Madeline Buhlig made a motion that person #1.2 be banned from MCSD#11 property and cannot attend school functions for 6 months. Member Brian Werries seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Brian Werries; yea; Madeline Buhlig, yea; Jeff Browning, yea; Scott Gregory, yea; Jason Morton, yea; and Kevin Duesterhaus, yea. Motion carried 6 yeas – 0 nays.

Member Kevin Duesterhaus made a to adopt a resolution to certify and file the 2017 Tax Levy. Member Brian Werries seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Madeline Buhlig, yea; Jeff Browning, yea; Scott Gregory, yea; Jason Morton, yea; Kevin Duesterhaus, yea and Brian Werries, yea. Motion carried 6 yeas – 0 nays.

Member Kevin Duesterhaus made a motion to approve the 2018 Senior Class Social trip. Member Madeline Buhlig seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Jeff Browning, yea; Scott Gregory, yea; Jason Morton, yea; Kevin Duesterhaus, yea; Brian Werries, yea; and Madeline Buhlig, yea. Motion carried 6 yeas – 0 nays.

Member Scott Gregory made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Kevin Duesterhaus seconded the motion. Motion carried via voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

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President, Jason Morton

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Secretary, Madeline Buhlig