**Minutes**

**Regular Board of Education Meeting**

**February 21, 2018**

**7:00 p.m.**

The board of education of the Meredosia-Chambersburg School District met in regular session February 21, 2018 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, Madeline Buhlig, Jeff Browning and Scott Gregory. Member Kevin Duesterhaus arrived at 7:03 p.m. and member Brian Werries was absent. Also present were Superintendent Thad Walker, JH/HS principal Dan Carie, Carolyn Browning, secretary, Christina Brant, Shirley Bilyeu, Alan Taylor, Amy Davis and Victoria Miller.

Member Madeline Buhlig made a motion to approve the consent agenda after asking a couple of questions in regards to bills paid. Member Jeff Browning seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Jason Morton, yea; Kevin Duesterhaus, yea; Madeline Buhlig, yea; Jeff Browning, yea and Scott Gregory, yea. Motion carried 5 yeas – 0 nays.

President Jason Morton introduced Alan Taylor – an applicant who expressed interest in filling the vacant school board member seat. Jason asked if Alan would like to introduce himself and give a little background information which he gave.

Member Scott Gregory made the motion to go into Closed Session at 7:06 p.m. to discuss the appointment of filling the vacant school board member seat. Member Kevin Duesterhaus seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Kevin Duesterhaus, yea; Madeline Buhlig, yea; Jeff Browning, yea; Scott Gregory, yea and Jason Morton, yea. Motion carried 5 yeas – 0 nays.

Members came out of executive session at 7:12 p.m.

Member Kevin Duesterhaus made a motion to appoint Alan Taylor to fill the vacant school board member seat. Member Jeff Browning seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Madeline Buhlig, yea; Jeff Browning, yea; Scott Gregory, yea; Jason Morton, yea and Kevin Duesterhaus, yea. Motion carried 5 yeas – 0 nays.

New member Alan Taylor then recited the Oath of Office and was seated as the school board member. Everyone congratulated Mr. Taylor on his appointment.

**Reports:**

**Superintendent’s Report:**

* I met with Alan Yow, School Attorney. After discussing what we were needing to use the Tort funds on he spoke with Adam Withee, School Auditor and they felt comfortable with us using the funds for the following items: school security system with camera installation, front entryway repair roof and concrete and a fence for the new playground to keep children safe around the road. Mr. Yow helped write the Risk Management Plan for the Tort money which I am asking you to vote on this month.
* We are needing some repairs done to the heating system. Second Generation is getting price to replace the ignitor and blower in the front of the boiler and all of the controls. We are looking at approximately $11,500 to replace tubes and $36,000 for furnace. We have enough money in the 1% sales tax to pay for the repairs.
* With the bond coming due in two years – David Pistorius came and spoke to me to see if there was any other projects we might have in mind. Of course I have a list of things to do. Items would be doing something with the driveway, new storage unit and bus garage (add to existing) and new ceiling in the small gym. Member Madeline Buhlig mentioned it would be nice to get new curtains for the stage in the new gym as well.
* Mr. Carie and I were selected in a research study through a grant from the Federal Government. The project is called SAMS Project and it is a leadership program designed to improve leadership in schools. The money comes from a $33.7 million dollar grant. Mr. Walker went on to give more information on what this involves.

**Superintendent’s Report continued:**

* The elementary building sell fell through again. What should be our next step? My thoughts are to put it up for auction instead of waiting and becoming a money trap in upkeep. Someone am to talk to me about demolishing it and the approximately cost would run around $200,000.
* I would like to hire Ashley Beck as the Pre-K teacher for the 2018-2019 school year.
* I have ordered 3 new small cafeteria tables with the Pre-K grant money. Cost is $1100 each. Approximately 15 inch seat height for Pre-K and Kindergarten children. Could not order the regular sized tables because they would not be covered by Pre-K grant.
* I am in the process of writing a grant to DOT Foods for the replacement for the old scoreboard in the new gym. Still in the beginning stages but hope to know something by April. I received a quote for the new scoreboard for $5653. It is compatible with the existing one and it would be wireless.
* Jerry ordered a heavy duty net and hooks and has it installed on the stage in the old gym. It goes from the ceiling to the edges of the stage. This covers the Health/Life/Safety issue for Regional Office of Education.

**Principal’s Report –JH/HS**:

* WYSE team placed 3rd place with 8 students placing. Mr. Martin is the WYSE team sponsor.
* Mr. Bowman took 5 students to try out for the Pike County Honor band and all 5 students made the band.
* School culture webinar – 4 part series – CSI Recommended
* Mid-terms – February 9th
* PARCC testing will be discussed at Wednesday, Feb. 21st
* Track numbers for High School – 18 and 15 for Junior High approximately
* We are looking at hiring tonight Brandon Bettis as assistant track coach.
* February 23rd is Family Paint Night from 6-8 p.m. sponsored by K12 PCA. There are 50 signed up.
* March 17th will be Alumni Day. It was the only day available.
* Mr. Barrows asked to take 8th Grade Social Studies to Springfield on February 28th to tour Capital Building.
* Midwest Youth Services doing a program for JH students (SPARCS) It is a free service to help life/coping skills.

Mr. Carie turned floor over to Amy Davis- girls volleyball coach and Ms. Miller, assistant coach. Mrs. Davis explained this is the last year to co-op with Triopia and she would us to look into bringing it back to Meredosia. She believes it would be a positive thing to keep it local and could get more girls to go out as well. Thinks it would be beneficial to girls to be part of something positive and be part of a team and build stability. We definitely have enough girls to keep it local without being part of a co-op. There was some discussion and Mr. Walker and Mr. Carie will check into it further. Mrs. Davis thanked the board for considering this.

Member Scott Gregory 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: Jeff Browning, yea; Scott Gregory, yea; Alan Taylor, yea; Jason Morton, yea; Kevin Duesterhaus, yea and Madeline Buhlig,yea. Motion carried 6 yeas – 0 nays.

Members came out of executive session at 9:30 p.m.

Member Madeline Buhlig made a motion to approve 1st consideration of updated school policies. Member Alan Taylor seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Scott Gregory, yea; Alan Taylor, yea; Jason Morton, yea; Kevin Duesterhaus, yea; Madeline Buhlig, yea; and Jeff Browning, yea. Motion carried 6 yeas – 0 nays.

Member Kevin Duesterhaus made a motion to approve hiring of Ashley Beck – Pre K teacher for the 2018-2019 school year. Member Jeff Browning seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Alan Taylor, yea; Jason Morton, yea; Kevin Duesterhaus, yea; Madeline Buhlig, yea; Jeff Browning, yea and Scott Gregory, yea. Motion carried 6 yeas – 0 nays.

Member Jeff Browning made a motion to approve hiring of Brandon Bettis as assistant track coach for 2017-2018 year. Member Kevin Duesterhaus seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Jason Morton, yea; Kevin Duesterhaus, yea; Madeline Buhlig, yea; Jeff Browning, yea; Scott Gregory, yea and Alan Taylor, yea. Motion carried 6 yeas – 0 nays.

Member Madeline Buhlig made a motion to approve 2018 Risk Management Plan. Member Alan Taylor seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Kevin Duesterhaus, yea; Madeline Buhlig, yea; Jeff Browning, yea; Scott Gregory, yea; Alan Taylor, yea and Jason Morton, yea. Motion carried 6 yeas – 0 nays.

Member Kevin Duesterhaus made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Madeline Buhlig seconded the motion. Motion carried via voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 9:34 p.m.

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President, Jason Morton

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Secretary, Madeline Buhlig