

**Minutes**  
**Regular Board of Education Meeting**  
**November 14, 2018**  
**7:00 p.m.**

The board of education of the Meredosia-Chambersburg School District met in regular session November 14, 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, Kevin Duesterhaus, Madeline Buhlig, Jeff Browning, Scott Gregory, and Alan Taylor. Member Brian Werries arrived at 7:10 p.m. Also present were Superintendent Thad Walker, Principal, Dan Carie, Carolyn Browning, secretary, Christina Brant and Shirley Bilyeu.

Kevin Duesterhaus made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Member Madeline Buhlig seconded the motion after a question was answered about the payment to Timberline. 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.

**No Public Comments**

**Reports:**

**Superintendent's Report:**

- GREAT NEWS! 4 years ago MCSD was designated as Lowest Performing according to the state. I have received a letter with our new designation of Commendable for the Jr. High and the elementary. We have moved up two levels in two years. This is the best news I have received for our educational process. We are moving in the proper direction.
- We did not receive the kitchen grant. The letter we received said the funding had run out. Thanks to Mrs. Browning and Mrs. Gregory for trying.
- There will be no Truth in Taxation hearing this year. We have not raised taxes over the 5% increase which allows us not to do this process. They have actually decreased by 2.5%.
- We will be starting Public School Works after the first of the year. This is a program that will allow our staff do all of the mandated reporting that is required through the state.
- We are going to have a student crew work the crosswalk in front of the school.
- The Veterans Program will be Friday, November 9th at 10 a.m. Mrs. Kackleys' 4th grade class has raised almost enough money to send two Veterans on the Honor Flight. I want to thank Mrs. Battefeld, Mrs. Buhlig, and Mr. Bowman for their work on the program. Great job!
- We will be starting our Risk Management meetings this month to decide on new projects for our Tort money. My suggestion is to replace small gym ceiling and have the gym floors sanded and repainted due to chipping. If you have any other thoughts please let me know.
- Congratulations to Mr. Werries, Mr. Duesterhaus, and Mr. Morton on becoming Master Board Member Level I status.
- With our CEP program we have received \$108,000.00 for last year, our total cost was \$67,108.00 for lunch and breakfast. We have \$41,540.00 in reserve just from last year. We have two more years on this program before we need to apply again.
- Those running for School Board election in the spring remember to file your paperwork for school board election between Dec. 10 - 17 in the Morgan county clerk's office. Thanks!
- We will pass the ISBE convention packets out at the board meeting. If anyone is not going we will need to know ASAP.
- I would to pursue the bond levy through First Mid-State. With the relationship we have with first Mid-State I would like to continue working with them.
- I have a mentor through IASA her name is Diana Robertson. Diana was the person that worked for the district on hiring a superintendent.
- On a personal note Dena has had two Pet Scans and Biopsy today we should have the results on Friday. I will keep you informed when get I get more information.

### Principal's Report –JH/HS:

- Veterans Day celebration @ 10:00 Nov. 9 – Went very well!
- Juniors took ASVAB
- PBIS – quarter award winners went to Plackey's for treat. 44 students went.
- Mid-term ended Nov. 9
- K-12 PCA Halloween Carnival was a big success.
- Posting position in teachers lounge for Assistant track coach 2019
- **Dec. 6** – Winter concert 6:30 p.m. - Pre-K -6
- **Dec. 9** - 2 p.m. - JR/SR High Winter concert
- Football playoffs – Kudos for team making it as far as they did in playoffs & all the support!
- Dec 10 & 13 Freshman boys basketball @ Meredosia - 2 more games in January at Dosh also
- Finals schedule-  
Dec. 17 Study- 1,3,5,7  
Dec. 18 Finals- 1,3,5,7  
Dec. 19 Study- 2,4,6,8  
Dec. 20 Finals- 2,4,6,8
- December 21 early out at 12:15 p.m.

Member Alan Taylor made the motion to go into Closed Session at 7:35 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: Kevin Dueterhaus, yea; Brian Werries, yea; Madeline Buhlig, yea; Jeff Browning, yea; Scott Gregory, yea; Alan Taylor, yea; and Jason Morton, yea. Motion carried 7 yeas – 0 nays.

Members came out of executive session at 8:21 p.m.

Member Kevin Dueterhaus made the motion to adopt a resolution to certify and file 2018 tax levy. Member Brian Werries seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Brian Werries, yea; Madeline Buhlig, yea; Jeff Browning, yea; Scott Gregory, yea; Alan Taylor, yea; Jason Morton, yea; and Kevin Dueterhaus, yea. Motion carried 7 yeas – 0 nays.

Member Alan Taylor made the motion to approve 1<sup>st</sup> reading of the IASB School District Polity updates. Member Jeff Browning seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Madeline Buhlig, yea; Jeff Browning, yea; Scott Gregory, yea; Alan Taylor, present; Jason Morton, yea; Kevin Dueterhaus, yea and Brian Werries, yea. Motion carried 7 yeas – 0 nays.

Member Brian Werries made the motion to approve to change Travis Sievers work hours to 7:15 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. during basketball season. Member Scott Gregory seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Jeff Browning, yea; Scott Gregory, yea; Alan Taylor, yea; Jason Morton, yea; Kevin Dueterhaus, yea; Brian Werries, yea and Madeline Buhlig, yea. Motion carried 7 yeas – 0 nays.

Member Madeline Buhlig made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Jeff Browning seconded the motion. Motion carried via voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

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President, Jason Morton

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Secretary, Madeline Buhlig