

Minutes
Regular Board of Education Meeting
December 12, 2018
7:00 p.m.

The board of education of the Meredosia-Chambersburg School District met in regular session December 12, 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 was absent. Also present were Superintendent Thad Walker, Principal, Dan Carie, Carolyn Browning, secretary, Christina Brant and Shirley Bilyeu.

President Jason Morton read a thank you note from the American Legion for a memorial the school district had given in memory of Dick Kleinlein.

Jeff Browning made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Member Scott Gregory 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.

No Public Comments

Reports:

Superintendent's Report:

- Jerry Morath will be filling in for Mr. Floyd until he is able to return.
- Hopefully everyone has seen the bus drivers needed sign outside the school. The initial bus course is January 5, 2019.
- We have used 4 emergency days so far this year. One for the bridge and three for the bad weather in November.
- Through our LEAD project we have received an IPAD, Bluetooth microphone, and a tripod for free. There will be 3 teachers video recording their teaching to send back to the AIRS institute. We have chosen Connie Rahe, Kirk Graham and Tina Kackley to represent our school. The areas needed are ELA and Math. Grades are 3-8 and 11th grade. The teaching strategies will be studied and used for data on new instructional methods.
- At our Financial meeting Mr. Morton asked me to check into the removal of the asbestos ceiling tile in the hallway from Pre-K to emergency doors at the cafeteria. I have heard back from Architechnics and a rough estimate is \$80,000 for removal and another \$40,000 approximately to replace.
- There are also Ameren Grants available for lighting which lots of times covers costs to install as well.
- We also have roofers coming in to check leaks.
- Reading Night was a big success with over 100 people in attendance. Thanks to everyone who participated.
- Property Tax Relief possible as a state grant. There has been \$50 million allocated through the state for this fiscal year. We are allocated to get \$273,568.90. With the formula and we are in Tier 4 we will receive 72.3% of that \$197,821.38. The paperwork is due by January 7, 2019 and we should receive our money in May of 2019. This is not guaranteed. This formula is based on the Evidence based funding formula. I have been in contact with Adam Withee our auditor to get more direction on this.
- I would like to purchase a new 2019 Dodge van from Jacksonville Chrysler Dodge. It would cost \$23,251.94 which includes trading in our old 2003 Dodge van we currently have.
- There are new calendar guidelines going to be implemented for next year. Should give us more flexibility. I am attending a meeting tomorrow and will find out more.
- I would like to invite the school board members to the staff Christmas Dinner on Dec. 21 at 12:30

Principal's Report –JH/HS:

- Renaissance Star 360 Assessment tests have been finished for Jr/Sr High. There will be 2 instructional webinars on how to use the data on Jan. 9 & 16
- Pre K through 6th Winter Concert was December 6th at 6:30. The numbers were good and a very nice concert. They had sold poinsettias as a fundraiser and stage was beautifully decorated with them.
- 6-12 Winter Concert was December 9th at 2 p.m. it was a good concert as well. Our numbers are low but hoping to grow.
- M-C Giving Tree – This year will go to planting a tree downtown in the new park.
- Student Council is having a Toy drive with the Meredosia Police Department and Dollar General.
- Final exam schedule:
 - December 17 – study for periods – 1,3,5,7
 - December 18 – Final exams for periods 1,3,5,7
 - December 19 – Study for periods – 2,4,6,8
 - December 20 - Final exams for periods 2,4,6,8
- December 21 Activity Day – dismissal at 12:15 for students
- JH Coop Volleyball numbers
- Tri-County Bidy ball starts – 1 Saturday at Meredosia
- Griggsville/Perry HS Track Coop discussion
- PBIS award trip for the Jr/Sr High students. Looking at Scotty's Fun Park in Quincy, Skyzone in Springfield or going to movie theatre.
- Jason Morton asked if there were college visits and if they were going well.

Member Scott Gregory 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 Alan Taylor seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Kevin Dueterhaus, yea; Madeline Buhlig, yea; Jeff Browning, yea; Scott Gregory, yea; Alan Taylor, yea; and Jason Morton, yea. Motion carried 6 yeas – 0 nays.

Members came out of executive session at 7:45 p.m. Member Kevin Dueterhaus made the motion and member Jeff Browning seconded the motion to come out of executive session. Motion unanimous.

Action item 6.1 was tabled – approving 2019 Senior social class trip since no one was present.

Member Kevin Dueterhaus made the motion to approve 2nd reading of the IASB School District Polity updates. Member Madeline Buhlig seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Madeline Buhlig, yea; Jeff Browning, yea; Scott Gregory, yea; Alan Taylor, present; Jason Morton, yea; and Kevin Dueterhaus, yea. Motion carried 6 yeas – 0 nays.

Member Alan Taylor made the motion to approve hiring of part time aide Metzti Ritter for elementary. 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; and Madeline Buhlig, yea. Motion carried 6 yeas – 0 nays.

Member Kevin Dueterhaus made the motion to approve purchasing new van for school transportation. Member Alan Taylor seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Scott Gregory, yea; Alan Taylor, yea; Jason Morton, yea; Kevin Dueterhaus, yea; Madeline Buhlig, yea and Jeff Browning, yea. Motion carried 6 yeas – 0 nays.

Member Alan Taylor made the motion to adopt resolution declaring the intention to issue working cash fund bonds for the purpose of increasing the working cash fund for the District. Member Kevin Dueterhaus seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Alan Taylor, yea; Jason Morton, yea; Kevin Dueterhaus, yea; Madeline Buhlig, yea; Jeff Browning, yea and Scott Gregory, yea. Motion carried 6 yeas – 0 nays.

Member Scott Gregory made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Madeline Buhlig seconded the motion. Motion carried via voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

President, Jason Morton

Secretary, Madeline Buhlig