

**Minutes**  
**Regular Board of Education Meeting**  
**February 13, 2019**  
**7:00 p.m.**

The board of education of the Meredosia-Chambersburg School District met in regular session February 13, 2019 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, and Alan Taylor. Member Brian Werries arrived at 7:02 p.m. Member Scott Gregory was absent. Also present were Superintendent Thad Walker, Principal, Dan Carie, Carolyn Browning, secretary, Christina Brant, Shirley Bilyeu, and David Pistorius-First Midstate.

Madeline Buhlig made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Member Alan Taylor seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Jason Morton, yea; Kevin Duesterhaus, yea; Brian Werries, yea; Madeline Buhlig, yea; Jeff Browning, yea; and Alan Taylor, yea. Motion carried 6 yeas – 0 nays.

**No Public Comments**

**Superintendent's Report:**

Mr. Walker first introduced David Pistorius from First Midstate. Mr. Pistorius passed out information concerning the \$300,000 Tax Exempt Working Cash Fund bond to be voted on later in the meeting. He explained that we should receive the funds March 6, 2019. We will deposit into the #70 Working Cash Fund and as we use the monies we will need to officially vote to move the money permanently into either the #20 Fund or #60 Projects fund per how we will use the money. Farmers State Bank of Emden, Emden, IL has purchased the bond. The interest rate is 5.25% instead of 5.50% which we earlier anticipated. Our first payment on this bond will be December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 and then the interest payments on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Pistorius explained we will be receiving a CD that has all the bond information on it and we will need to make that available to our auditors. He asked if anyone had any questions and Mr. Morton asked about how they decide who they offer our bonds out to bid to. Mr. Pistorius explained the process. He thanked everyone and left the paperwork to be filled out after the vote. Mr. Walker thanked Mr. Pistorius for coming and continued on to his report.

- We have gone over our 5 emergency days now. Mr. Walker spoke to Carol Kilver another superintendent with many years of experience at a meeting earlier in the week and she highly recommended submitting days as soon as they happen as Act of God days to the ROE.
- We are going to start charging for staff lunches again. With our lunch audit this last month it was highly suggested that we do this for compliance issues.
- Mr. Carie and I attended the ESSA Conference in Chicago for 2 days.
- I have asked for some bids on the asphalt parking lot from VICC and from UCM. UCM will be back in the area in March. They are the only two local companies I could find. Several other names were given at the meeting.
- With the Tort money I have a bid coming in for the gym floors and for the ceiling in the small gym. I spoke to ISBE Health/Life/Safety person and he suggested just going over the current ceiling with metal roofing panels. The material in the ceiling is fire retardant so we would not need to use a fire retardant barrier. I will have some samples of the gym floor for painting this summer.
- I will be posting the Elementary P.E. position. Ms. Miller will be doing her student teaching in January. I would like to try and get a full time teacher so we are not changing at semester. Hopefully we can get a qualified applicant. I have already spoke to Ms. Miller about the situation.
- We have had 2 people apply for Mr. Spoon's position and possible a 3<sup>rd</sup> interested. I would like to interview at the end of February and hire at the March meeting. Alan Taylor said he would sit on the interview along with Mr. Carie, Mr. Phillips and myself. We have a person interviewing with a direct connection to the school so I feel that it should be a diverse committee.
- We are going to be rearranging some rooms next year to accommodate a student in the third grade. I will explain more in Executive session.

**Superintendent's Report continued:**

- We have problems with the main sewer line along with some leaks on the roof.
- The sports co-op meeting has been moved to March 14<sup>th</sup>.

**JH/HS PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:**

- WYSE team participated at Macomb and our Mr. Carie listed the placings of our students that went. The whole team placed second and all will be going to sectionals.
- Mid-terms February 8<sup>th</sup>
- LEAD team (doing calendar organization)
- Illinois Assessment for Readiness testing (grades 3-8)
- 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> grade testing will be in April through SAT company
- Track numbers for High school – 16 and Junior High -12-15
- Hire of assistant track coach
- February 13 & 14 – Parent/Teacher Conferences from 3-7 p.m. Looking at ways to increase parents to participate
- February 23<sup>rd</sup> – Dancing With The Stars
- Midwest Youth Services doing a program for JH students. New director – Haley Hawkins
- Tri-County Bidy ball @ Meredosia
- HS Girls basketball @ Meredosia January 21 – was successful

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

Members came out of executive session at 8:06 p.m.

Member Brian Werries made the motion to adopt resolution providing for the issue of General Obligation school bonds, Series 2019, of the District, for the purpose of increasing the Working Cash Fund of the District, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, and authorizing the sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof. Member Kevin Duesterhaus seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Brian Werries, yea; Madeline Buhlig, yea; Jeff Browning, yea; Alan Taylor, present; Jason Morton, yea; and Kevin Duesterhaus, yea. Motion carried 6 yea – 0 nays.

Member Alan Taylor made the motion to approve hiring of Assistant track coach Tracy Lawson and Volunteer track coach – Mazi Walker. Member Jeff Browning seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Madeline Buhlig, yea; Jeff Browning, yea; Alan Taylor, yea; Jason Morton, yea; Kevin Duesterhaus, yea; and Brian Werries, yea. Motion carried 6 yea – 0 nays.

Member Jeff Browning made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Madeline Buhlig seconded the motion. Motion carried via voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

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President, Jason Morton

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Secretary, Madeline Buhlig