

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

The board of education of the Meredosia-Chambersburg School District met in regular session March 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, Brian Werries, Madeline Buhlig, and Alan Taylor. Members Kevin Dueterhaus, Jeff Browning and Scott Gregory were absent. Also present were Superintendent Thad Walker, Principal, Dan Carie, Carolyn Browning, secretary, Christina Brant, Shirley Bilyeu, and Jerry Phillips, Head Custodian.

Madeline Buhlig made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Member Brian Werries seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Jason Morton, yea; Brian Werries, yea; Madeline Buhlig, yea; and Alan Taylor, yea. Motion carried 4 yeas – 0 nays.

No Public Comments

Superintendent's Report:

- There are some issues with the big gym roof and the shingled roof over the high school wing and the sewer issue that we have running down the elementary hallway starting at around Mrs. Martin's office. Henson Robinson came and repaired but it's not under warranty. The architect is supposed to be coming out to check it. I have video of the sewer line if anyone wishes to view it.
- We received our \$300,000 working cash bond money March 6th which is good timing with the issues we are having.
- Mr. Carie will be retiring at the end of this year. I would like to post the position following the board meeting. We have received several applications.
- I have had some sewer and plumbing issues at my house this week so I have been showering at the school and hopefully it will be resolved today.
- I am planning on having interviews the next week for Mr. Spoon's position.
- State testing will begin March 11th.
- Our contract with QNS will be up this year in June. QNS is our technology provider and they do a great job. I would like to continue with them for three more years.
- We are looking into different options for our supplemental insurance and FSA plans we offer our employees.
- We weren't in attendance March 8th due to the boys basketball team playing in the state tournament. We will have to make up that day.
- I am recommending Raquel Romero for tenure this year.
- Mr. Mehaffy has almost completed his bus driver training to be certified.
- Mrs. Browning and I went to see Allen Yow the school lawyer to go over our Risk Management Plan and proposed projects. Sewer line, gym floors, small gym ceiling, gym roof. Mr. Yow agreed these all would fall under Risk Management.
- We are still waiting to hear about the 3 Act of God days I submitted.
- We held a 5th/6th grade basketball tournament over the weekend due to Bluffs roof had a leak and couldn't have the event. Mr. Barnett came and personally thanked us for allowing them to use our school for this.
- We need to have a fiscal committee meeting before the end of March to go over the finances.

JH/HS PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

- I have submitted my letter with intent to retire at the end of the 2018-2019 school year. I have enjoyed the past eight years as an administrator at Meredosia-Chambersburg CUSD#11. I would like to thank the board members and Mr. Walker for the opportunity and support you have given me. I appreciate all that we have done together and most important the friendships we have developed during my time here. I will treasure them. You have been like family and for that I say thank you! I will continue to pray and be a supporter of the Meredosia-Chambersburg School district and community. Thank you and may God bless your work and the future of the Meredosia-Chambersburg School.
- WYSE team sectionals will be held March 15th at London Mills with the whole team attending.
- 3rd quarter ends March 8th
- March 11-April 26 – Illinois Assessment for Readiness testing (grades 3-8)
- March 19th – Midwest Youth Services new director Haley Hopkin's will give a presentation.
- March 20th at 1:30 p.m. at MCHS there will be a Polar Plunge for Special Olympics
- March 22nd there will be a Parent/Child Dance K-12 PCA sponsoring
- Dancing with The Stars was a success and about \$4000 raised to be split between K-12 PCA and After Prom.
- April 5 at 1 p.m. - School Assembly - Relevant Speaker presentation by Terrence Tally
- April 6 – Prom at The Barn – Merritt Blacktop. After Prom afterwards
- April 9 – SAT for 11th grade and PSAT for 9th/10th
- April 14th – School Mystery Play at 7 p.m.
- April 28th – Sports banquet here for M-C sports

Member Brian Werries 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 Alan Taylor seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Brian Werries, yea; Madeline Buhlig, yea; Alan Taylor, yea; and Jason Morton, yea. Motion carried 4 yeas – 0 nays.

Members came out of executive session at 8:11 p.m.

Member Brian Werries made the motion approve renewal of membership in the IHSA for 2019-2020 school year. Member Alan Taylor seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Madeline Buhlig, yea; Alan Taylor, present; Jason Morton, yea; and Brian Werries, yea. Motion carried 4 yeas – 0 nays.

Member Madeline Buhlig made the motion to approve tenure of Raquel Romero, 3rd grade teacher. Member Alan Taylor seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Alan Taylor, yea; Jason Morton, yea; Brian Werries, yea; and Madeline Buhlig, yea. Motion carried 4 yeas – 0 nays.

Member Alan Taylor made the motion to accept letter of intent to retire at end of 2018-2019 school year – Dan Carie, JH/HS Principal. Member Brian Werries seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Jason Morton, yea; Brian Werries, yea; Madeline Buhlig, yea; Alan Taylor, yea. Motion carried 4 yeas – 0 nays.

Member Madeline Buhlig made the motion to approve paying school resource officer 3.5 hours per day. Member Brian Werries seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Brian Werries, yea; Madeline Buhlig, yea; Alan Taylor, yea; and Jason Morton, yea. Motion carried 4 yeas – 0 nays.

Member Brian Werries made the motion to approve Becky Niewohner as assistant volunteer track coach. Member Madeline Buhlig seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Madeline Buhlig, yea; Alan Taylor, yea; Jason Morton, yea and Brian Werries, yea. Motion carried 4 yeas – 0 nays.

Member Alan Taylor made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Brian Werries seconded the motion. Motion carried via voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

President, Jason Morton

Secretary, Madeline Buhlig