

**Minutes**  
**Regular Board of Education Meeting**  
**April 10, 2019**  
**7:00 p.m.**

The board of education of the Meredosia-Chambersburg School District met in regular session April 11, 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, Brian Werries, Madeline Buhlig, Jeff Browning, Scott Gregory and Alan Taylor. 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 Brian Werries seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Jason Morton, yea; Kevin Duesterhaus, yea; Brian Werries, yea; Madeline Buhlig, yea; Jeff Browning, yea; Scott Gregory, yea and Alan Taylor, yea. Motion carried 7 yeas – 0 nays.

**No Public Comments**

**Superintendent's Report:**

- We have a candidate for the Transportation director I would like to present to the board to hire.
- Mrs. Browning and I met with the board financial committee on April 3 to discuss our school financial situation for this current fiscal year.
- We will need to have an organizational meeting starting at 5:30 p.m. on April 24<sup>th</sup> to approve the election results and then seat the newly elected board members. Then election of officers. This needs to be done within 28 days of the election.
- The first Principal interviews will be held April 15<sup>th</sup>. The school committee will interview four candidates and bring three to the school board to interview on April 24<sup>th</sup> starting at 6 p.m.
- We have had an issue with one of the coaches that was addressed at Triopia and I also had a conversation with the coach as well. Will explain more in executive session.
- I will have bids for the summer projects at the May board meeting. The time frame did not work out to present them to you in April.
- Mr. Sievers will be resigning as the Athletic Director for the 2019-2019 school year.
- We will be amending the school calendar. We will return on April 24<sup>th</sup> to make up for the day we took off for the state tournament.
- Mrs. Browning and I met with Dennis Lister from American Central Insurance to review our insurance rates for the coming year. We will continue with the same insurance as last year and it went down 3%.
- Approval of the Consolidated District Plan. This is something new from ISBE this year.
- We had a sports co-op meeting and we discussed a few items. My concern is the number of trips that we are taking back and forth and the time coaches spend on recruiting and ending practice at set time.

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

- Illinois Assessment Readiness testing is in progress
- April 5<sup>th</sup> Assembly for 6-12 – Terrence Talley from Relevant on Bullying, peer pressure, life altering choices was very good. Bluffs school attended as well. We had about 100 people at the free dance they provided for us that night.
- April 6<sup>th</sup> Prom at The Barn. It went very well as well as Promenade and After Prom. Kudos to Julie Gregory who was almost a one man show putting it all on.
- April 9<sup>th</sup> – SAT testing for Juniors at American Legion
- April 10<sup>th</sup> – PSAT testing for 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade
- April 13<sup>th</sup> – Band Car Wash/Pulled pork sandwich at Meredosia. Scott Gregory offered free ice from South Side to Mr. Bowman for the event.

### **JH/HS Principal's Report continued:**

- April 14<sup>th</sup> – School Play – 7 p.m.
- April 17<sup>th</sup> – History Fair – 6:30 p.m.
- May 19<sup>th</sup> – National Honor Society Inductions 7 p.m.
- April 28<sup>th</sup> – Sports Banquet/Meredosia-Chambersburg 5:30 p.m.
- April 29<sup>th</sup> – Blood Drive from 1-5 p.m. in small gym
- April 30<sup>th</sup> – May 5<sup>th</sup> Senior Social Class trip to Hawaii – Travis Sievers and Jenny Chute class sponsors
- May 5<sup>th</sup> – Spring Concert for 7-12<sup>th</sup> grade at 7 p.m.
- April 30<sup>th</sup> to May 7<sup>th</sup> Skating week for all school P.E. K12 PCA has offered to help any student who can't afford the skate rental fee.
- May 9<sup>th</sup> Spring Concert for Pre-K through 6<sup>th</sup> grade at 6:30 p.m.
- May 16<sup>th</sup> – Academic Awards at 2:15 p.m.
- 8 in JH track and 11 in HS track at the moment
- Finals schedule:
  - 20<sup>th</sup> Monday – study 1,2,3,4
  - 21<sup>st</sup> Tuesday – exams 1,2,3,4
  - 22<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday – study 5,6,7,8
  - 23<sup>rd</sup> Thursday – exams 5,6,7,8
- May 23<sup>rd</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> grade promotion at 7 p.m. Brian Werries will present diplomas
- May 24<sup>th</sup> – HS graduation at 7 p.m. Kevin Duesterhaus will present diplomas
- Emily Tweedy accepted to the Morgan-Scott CEO program for next year.

Member Brian Werries made the motion to go into Closed Session at 7:29 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 Duesterhaus, 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 9:06 p.m.

Member Brian Werries made the motion to approve annual approval of school district hazardous routes approved by IDOT. Member Jeff Browning 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 Duesterhaus, yea. Motion carried 7 yeas – 0 nays.

Member Alan Taylor made the motion to approve Risk Management Plan for 2019. Member Madeline Buhlig seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Madeline Buhlig, yea; Jeff Browning, yea; Scott Gregory, yea; Alan Taylor, yea; Jason Morton, yea; Kevin Duesterhaus, yea and Brian Werries, yea. Motion carried 7 yeas – 0 nays.

Member Scott Gregory made the motion to approve 2019-2020 health insurance carrier for school district. Member Brian Werries seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Jeff Browning, yea; Scott Gregory, yea; Alan Taylor, yea; Jason Morton, yea; Kevin Duesterhaus, yea; Brian Werries, yea and Madeline Buhlig, yea. Motion carried 7 yeas – 0 nays.

Member Madeline Buhlig made the motion to approve the consolidated District Plan. Member Alan Taylor seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Scott Gregory, yea; Alan Taylor, yea; Jason Morton, yea; Kevin Duesterhaus, yea; Brian Werries, yea; Madeline Buhlig, yea and Jeff Browning, yea. Motion carried 7 yeas – 0 nays.

Member Scott Gregory made the motion to approve the amended school calendar for 2018-2019. Member Madeline Buhlig seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Alan Taylor, yea; Jason Morton, yea; Kevin Duesterhaus, yea; Brian Werries, yea; Madeline Buhlig, yea; Jeff Browning, yea and Scott Gregory, yea. Motion carried 7 yeas – 0 nays.

Member Kevin Duesterhaus made the motion to approve the recommendation for transportation director. Member Brian Werries seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Jason Morton, yea; Kevin Duesterhaus, yea; Brian Werries, yea; Madeline Buhlig, yea; Jeff Browning, yea; Scott Gregory; yea and Alan Taylor, yea. Motion carried 7 yeas – 0 nays.

Member Brian Werries made the motion to accept resignation of Travis Sievers as Athletic Director at end of 2018-2019 school year. Member Kevin Duesterhaus seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Kevin Duesterhaus, 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.

Member Madeline Buhlig made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Brian Werries 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