

Minutes
Regular Board of Education Meeting
June 20, 2019
7:00 p.m.

The board of education of the Meredosia-Chambersburg School District met in regular session June 20, 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, and Alan Taylor. Member Scott Gregory was absent. Also present were Superintendent Thad Walker, Principal Dan Carie, Carolyn Browning, secretary, Jeff Abell, David Keck, Keck Plumbing, Inc., Christina Brant, and Shirley Bilyeu.

Brian Werries made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Member Madeline Buhlig 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

Reports:

David Keck from Keck Plumbing, Inc. – Quincy, IL gave a presentation on how they line a sewer line. The board had questions for Mr. Keck which he explained the process.

Superintendent's Report:

- Good news – we got a \$17,500 grant from Ameren to replace lighting in the Jr/Sr. school, bus garage and big and small gym and some outside lighting. The old lights will be replaced with LED lights. The cost to the district is only \$6600. They began work June 18th. Green Edison was the company that I contacted.
- The outside work will be starting at the end of this week. They are starting on the big gym roof and then to the flat roof. Work on the ceiling in the old gym will begin June 24th.
- We got a Treasurer's bond on Jeannie Battefeld since she handles the activity fund for the high school.
- Mrs. Browning and I met with Adam Withee-School auditor to go over the budget and the moving of the money. This puts us in a good place with the budget and with the audit coming up in July.
- Mrs. Browning and I will start on next year's budget in July. I will have the savings that we have done from this year to next. I am looking at a possible savings of around \$200,000 and possibly more by the changes we have made.
- Mr. Windell has done a fantastic job in his short time here! He has put mulch around the trees, weed eated, sprayed for weeds, cleaned the buses and van and is in the process of cleaning out the bus garage. The dumpster came this week which he has already filled. He is taking old batteries and tires to be recycled.
- Illinois Valley Paving will start on parking lot and bus garage the week of June 25th..probably will take 3-4 days for the front and then the back.
- Mr. Abell has been in working with Mr. Graham to finalize a schedule for the high school.
- The summer Apex has been in process for the second week and the summer reading camp started on Monday, June 10th.
- The school calendar finally got released June 10th so I will have a final calendar for you in July. There may be a couple of changes due to the final bill that was passed.
- Mrs. Beck and I submitted the Pre-K grant for the 2019-2020 school year. Hopefully we will get an answer in the next couple of weeks.
- Rob is going to cut down the sweet gum tree down by the entrance to the school. We are trying to avoid too much stuff going down the new sewer drain.
- The end of the year ended well with no major issues. The weather was nice for both graduations.
- Start of school will be August 14th and kids starting the 15th.
- Attached in the board packet is the Emergency Response Plan (AED Policy) for the school.

JH/HS PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

- Promotion May 23rd went well
- Graduation may 24th went great
- No one from JH or HS track advanced to state.
- Summer school information – this is the first year for JH to be part of the program and it's going well. We have 4 JH and 3 HS students and they are all attending regularly and on schedule. They will be going to the Lincoln Library next week and then to Sky Zone and to eat to finish out the summer.
- I think Jeff Abell will do a great job taking our school to the next level.
- I want to thank the school board for 8 great years as your principal and friendship. Thank you Mr. Walker for helping my last 3 years go so wonderful and your friendship. Good luck!

President Jason Morton thanked Mr. Carie for all he has done for the school and for representing us so well. The other board members also added their thanks.

Member Alan Taylor made the motion to go into Closed Session at 7:37 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.

Member Jeff Browning made the motion to come out of executive session at 8:43 p.m. Member Alan Taylor seconded the motion. Motion was unanimous via voice vote.

Member Jeff Browning made the motion to approve amended 2018-2019 Budget. Member Brian Werries seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Brian Werries, yea; Madeline Buhlig, yea; Jeff Browning, yea; Alan Taylor, yea; Jason Morton, yea; and Kevin Duesterhaus, yea. Motion carried 6 yeas – 0 nays.

Member Madeline Buhlig made the motion to approve Prairie State Insurance Cooperative as the District Insurance carrier for the 2019-2020 school year. Member Alan Taylor 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, nay. Motion carried 6 yeas – 0 nays.

Member Alan Taylor made the motion to approve renewal of Life Safety Bond for Sandra Battefeld for 2019-2020. Member Kevin Duesterhaus seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Jeff Browning, yea; Alan Taylor, yea; Jason Morton, yea; Kevin Duesterhaus, yea; Brian Werries, yea and Madeline Buhlig, yea. Motion carried 6 yeas – 0 nays.

Member Madeline Buhlig made the motion to accept resignation of Amy Davis as Head HS Volleyball coach. Member Jeff Browning seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Alan Taylor, yea; Jason Morton, yea; Kevin Duesterhaus, yea; Brian Werries, yea; Madeline Buhlig, yea; and Jeff Browning, yea. Motion carried 6 yeas – 0 nays.

Member Kevin Duesterhaus made the motion to hire Victoria Miller as Head HS Volleyball Coach for 2019-2020. Member Alan Taylor seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Jason Morton, yea; Kevin Duesterhaus, yea; Brian Werries, nay; Madeline Buhlig, yea; Jeff Browning, yea; and Alan Taylor, yea. Motion carried 5 yeas – 1 nay.

Member Madeline Buhlig made the motion to hire Jerry Morath as regular route school bus driver. 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.

Member Kevin Duesterhaus made the motion to hire Cindy Potter as HS Special Ed teacher. Member Alan Taylor seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Brian Werries, yea; Madeline Buhlig, yea; Jeff Browning, yea; Alan Taylor, yea; Jason Morton, yea and Kevin Duesterhaus, yea. Motion carried 6 yeas – 0 nays.

Member Jeff Browning made the motion to approve abatement of \$154,887.36 from Working Cash fund to Building fund. Member Brian Werries 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 yeas – 0 nays.

Member Madeline Buhlig made the motion to approve abatement of \$154,887 from Working Cash fund to Education fund. Member Brian Werries seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Jeff Browning, yea; Alan Taylor, yea; Jason Morton, yea; Kevin Duesterhaus, yea; Brian Werries, yea; and Madeline Buhlig, yea. Motion carried 6 yeas – 0 nays.

Member Brian Werries made the motion to move \$83,000 from Bond & Interest Fund to Site & Construction fund. 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; and Jeff Browning, yea. Motion carried 6 yeas – 0 nays.

Member Madeline Buhlig made the motion to approve the second reading of the IASB School District Policy updates. 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; and Alan Taylor, yea. Motion carried 6 yeas – 0 nays.

Member Kevin Duesterhaus made the motion to approve Rhea Drake 2019-2020 Junior Class Sponsor. Member Alan Taylor 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.

Member Brian Werries made the motion to approve Jason Mehaffy as 2019-2020 Senior Class Sponsor. Member Kevin Duesterhaus seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Brian Werries, yea; Madeline Buhlig, yea; Jeff Browning, yea; Alan Taylor, yea; Jason Morton, yea and Kevin Duesterhaus, yea. Motion carried 6 yeas – 0 nays.

Member Madeline Buhlig made the motion to approve Kirk Graham as 2019-2020 Athletic Director. Member Brian Werries 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 yeas – 0 nays.

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

Member Brian Werries made the motion to approve Asphalt bid \$172,818.75 Illinois Valley Paving. Member Alan Taylor seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Alan Taylor, yea; Jason Morton, yea; Kevin Duesterhaus, yea; Brian Werries, yea; Madeline Buhlig, yea and Jeff Browning, yea. Motion carried 6 yeas – 0 nays.

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

Member Kevin Duesterhaus made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Brian Werries seconded the motion. Motion carried via voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

President, Jason Morton

Secretary, Madeline Buhlig