

Minutes
Regular Board of Education Meeting
September 11, 2019
8:30 p.m.

The board of education of the Meredosia-Chambersburg School District met in regular session September 11th, 2019 in the boardroom of the Meredosia-Chambersburg School. President Jason Morton called the meeting to order at 8:30 p.m. Roll call was taken with the following members present: Jason Morton, Kevin Duesterhaus, Madeline Buhlig, Jeff Browning, and Alan Taylor. Members Brian Werries and Scott Gregory were absent. Also present were Superintendent Thad Walker, JH Principal Jeff Abell, Carolyn Browning, district bookkeeper, Adam Withee, Christine Brant and Shirley Bilyeu.

Member Jeff Browning 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; Madeline Buhlig, yea; Jeff Browning, yea and Alan Taylor, yea. Motion carried 5 yeas – 0 nays.

There were no public comments.

Jason Morton introduced Adam Withee, auditor with Zumbahlen Eyth & Surratt. Mr. Withee passed out copies to all board members of the Annual Financial Report as of June 30, 2019. He went over the audit findings and our total financial profile summary. Our profile score stayed the same as the previous year at 3.55.

Superintendent's Report:

- The lighting project is completed now and the first part of the school year overall is going great.
- We have had a few issues. Mr. Walker explained a student dropped a fake bomb threat but the staff and students handled it well. After Morgan County Sheriff's department came down and assessed the situation the school was deemed safe and students and staff were allowed back into the school. The student received a 10 day out of school suspension. There was also an issue with a student bringing a bottle of beer and knives in his backpack. It was also handled with a 10 day suspension.
- The Four Rivers room is working very well. The staff at Four Rivers are very pleased with our building and I have had several comments on how nice our staff is and easy to work with.
- The new boardroom carpet is in and looks very nice. We used John's Carpet out of Beardstown.
- Mr. Abell has been fantastic! The whole vibe of the building is different. He has done an amazing job with the staff and student body. Thank you Mr. Abell for all your hard work to make the transition seem effortless. Also his Instagram is a hit!
- Mr. Graham as well has done a great job with his new position. He also has worked very hard over the summer and many late nights getting A.D. stuff lined out plus the schedules done. This works great with Rob being new as the Director of Transportation. Rob also is doing an amazing job!
- Ms. Kilver, Ms. Sanders, Ms. Miller and Mr. Taylor are doing great also. These are great additions to the teaching staff. Mr. Taylor is actually teaching Spanish and using the online portal just for practice. It has worked out better than anyone could imagine.
- It has been an amazing start to the school year. The staff and students are doing remarkable in every aspect of the school.
- The first home volleyball game we had great attendance and the girls were excited since we had a lot of high points during the game. The tournament went very well also.
- Our lease was up on the copy machines. Our new machines arrived Monday, September 3rd. With the new machines we are saving about \$150 a month. We are having staff use ID's so we can track the number of copies made by each individual.
- We had a young child break his arm on the playground when he dropped off the monkey bar.

JH/HS Principal's Report:

- The homecoming game will be October 4th
- The dance will be held at Triopia on October 5th at 7 p.m.
- Due to a conflict with the Virginia city wide garage sale our homecoming parade will be moved. I have not been given the date and time yet but it will be held in Virginia.
- We are up to 159 followers on Instagram
- All went well with our volleyball tournament. The girls picked up their first win of the season. On the opening day September 2nd there was a fundraising going on for the Land of Lincoln Honor Flight which went very well.
- Working on student room – small room off of the art room. Will be a reward space for students to be in.
- Pleased with how well everything is going with students and staff.
- September 13th – First Quarter Midterm
- September 20th – Midterm Reports go home
- September 23rd – Picture Day
- September 26th – Parent/Teacher Conference from 3-8 p.m.
- September 27th – No School
- September 29th – Homecoming parade in Virginia – time to be announced
- October 4th – Homecoming game vs. Routt
- October 5th – Homecoming dance at Triopia – 7 p.m.
- October 10th – End of the first quarter
- October 11th – Staff will be attending the Quincy Workshop (No Student attendance) both Tina Kackley and Cary Know will be presenters.
- October 23rd – Student Council Blood Drive

Member Jeff Browning made the motion to go into Closed Session at 9:05 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 Kevin Duesterhaus seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Madeline Buhlig, yea; Jeff Browning, yea; Alan Taylor, yea; Jason Morton, yea; and Kevin Duesterhaus, yea. Motion carried 5 yeas – 0 nays. Board returned from closed session at 9:39 p.m.

Member Jeff Browning made a motion to approve hiring Tracy Lawson for assistant track coach for 2019-2020 year. Member Kevin Duesterhaus seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Jeff Browning, yea; Alan Taylor, yea; Jason Morton, yea; Kevin Duesterhaus, yea and Madeline Buhlig, yea. Motion carried 5 yeas – 0 nays.

Member Alan Taylor made a motion to approve Jr. High/High School Sports Co-op with Triopia and Virginia. Member Kevin Duesterhaus seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Alan Taylor, yea; Jason Morton, yea; Kevin Duesterhaus, yea; Madeline Buhlig, yea and Jeff Browning, yea. Motion carried 5 yeas – 0 Nays.

Member Alan Taylor made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Madeline Buhlig seconded the motion. By unanimous vote meeting was adjourned at 9:41 p.m.

President, Jason Morton

Secretary, Madeline Buhlig