

Minutes
Regular Board of Education Meeting
October 9, 2019
7 p.m.

The board of education of the Meredosia-Chambersburg School District met in regular session October 9th, 2019 in the boardroom of the Meredosia-Chambersburg School. President Jason Morton called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll call was taken with the following members present: Jason Morton, Kevin Duesterhaus, Brian Werries, Madeline Buhlig, Scott Gregory, and Alan Taylor. Member Jeff Browning was absent. Also present were Superintendent Thad Walker, JH Principal Jeff Abell, Carolyn Browning, district bookkeeper, Christine Brant and Shirley Bilyeu.

Member Kevin Duesterhaus 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; Scott Gregory, yea and Alan Taylor, yea. Motion carried 6 yeas – 0 nays.

There were no public comments.

Superintendent's Report:

- All of the construction has been completed now at the school. We received our insurance checks for the roof damage.
- We have two teachers presenting at the Quincy Conference – Tina Kackley and Cary Knox. Ms. Kackley will present on The Honor Flight and Mr. Knox will present on Links of Strength. It is a very nice representation for our school district.
- I am applying for the Appliance grant again through the National School Lunch Program. On the list I have – a new glass door refrigerator, stove and an Ice Machine.
- We have had some issues with 2 – first grade students over the last 3 weeks. Mrs. Davis and I have been working with the parents and the doctor's offices to make sure each student is getting what they need. We also have Four Rivers involved as well. Mrs. Martin, our school nurse, has also played a big role in helping with the students.
- On Wednesday, October 2nd I had an issue with a parent when I sent the child home because they had not given her the medicine she needed for the day. Mr. Pullings intervened between the parent and myself when the parent confronted me in the hallway. I will explain more in closed session.
- We are having some issues with band and playing instruments. I will be discussing this with Mr. Abell and Mr. Bowman to try and get a better understanding of what we need to do to help the band program grow.
- We have had no response in trying to lease a Drivers Ed car this year. I have spoke with Marshall Chevrolet and Freedom Chevrolet and they both have used cars in the \$11,000 range. I would like to ask the board for approval to purchase a used Driver's Education car staying in the \$11,000 price range. With the money we receive from the state we could have the car paid off in approximately 4 years and then the car would be ours to use as well.

JH/HS Principal's Report:

- The rain held off until the very end of the homecoming parade and we had a nice homecoming week at school with activities.
- We had a fantastic crowd for our Rally for A Cure volleyball game on October 1st against Triopia.
- On October 2nd our high school students and some staff members spent the day at Triopia for homecoming game. Students from all three schools teamed up by class for a day of friendly competition.
- The homecoming game was October 4th and the homecoming dance October 5th. It all went very well.
- There was also a Jr. High homecoming dance that night at Triopia as well.
- We are up to 185 followers on Instagram! I believe this really helps promote the school and helps.
- Jr. High Basketball team got 2nd place at New Berlin tournament.

JH/HS Principal's Report continued:

- We are going to be doing locker badges for the HS. The purpose being to brag on the kids that are involved in student council, marching band, speech, NHS.
- October 10th was the end of the First Quarter
- October 11th staff will be attending the Quincy Workshop (no student attendance that day)
- October 12th Junior Social Class supper/movie night
- October 23rd Student Council Blood drive
- October 25th there will be a Land of Lincoln Honor Flight Fundraiser. The school will hold a paper airplane contest and students will be asked to collect pledges for their flight. The top distance winner in every classroom will receive a prize and the 3 top money-earning participants will receive a prize as well.
- November 11th will be the Veteran's Day program at the school starting at 10 a.m.

Member Alan Taylor made the motion to go into Closed Session at 7:16 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; Scott Gregory, yea; Alan Taylor, yea; and Jason Morton, yea. Motion carried 6 yeas – 0 nays. Member Kevin Duesterhaus made the motion to return from closed session and Member Allan Taylor seconded the motion. Board returned from closed session at 8:05 p.m.

Member Brian Werries made a motion to approve purchasing a Driver's Ed car sticking to a budget of around \$11,000. Member Scott Gregory seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Brian Werries, yea; Madeline Buhlig, yea; Scott Gregory, yea; Alan Taylor, yea; Jason Morton, yea; and Kevin Duesterhaus, yea. Motion carried 6 yeas – 0 nays.

Member Kevin Duesterhaus made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Brian Werries seconded the motion. By unanimous vote meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

President, Jason Morton

Secretary, Madeline Buhlig