

Minutes
Regular Board of Education Meeting
November 13, 2019
7 p.m.

The board of education of the Meredosia-Chambersburg School District met in regular session November 13th, 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 Dueterhaus, Brian Werries, Jeff Browning, Scott Gregory, and Alan Taylor. Member Madeline Buhlig was absent. Also present were Superintendent Thad Walker, JH Principal Jeff Abell, Carolyn Browning, district bookkeeper, Christine Brant and Shirley Bilyeu.

Member Kevin Dueterhaus made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Member Brian Werries seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Jason Morton, yea; Kevin Dueterhaus, yea; Brian Werries, yea; Jeff Browning, yea; Scott Gregory, yea and Alan Taylor, yea. Motion carried 6 yeas – 0 nays.

Public Comments – President Jason Morton read a thank you note from Lana Kay Lemmon thanking the board for the funeral bouquet sent in memory of her husband Cory Lemmon.

Superintendent's Report:

- Thanks to Mrs. Browning and Mrs. Gregory's hard work last year through Ameren we get a new gas High Temp Dishwasher. Ameren reached out to us because they ran out of money last year before they got to us. It should be installed by January 1st.
- We have received our designation from the state. Due to the change we will be receiving some funds. I haven't met yet to find out what that amount will be.
- I have put together a Threat Assessment Team after working with IASA and ROE#1. There will be a one day training that the team will attend in Jacksonville. Kevin Blankenship the Bluffs/Winchester superintendent is heading the training for the ROE#1 region. It looks like the training will be in December.
- The IASB Resolution to arm teachers has been a hot topic. They do not have a stand on the issue, but they want it to be local control. This means the school board will have their say for each school. Upstate is not for this but the rural schools seem to be in favor for this. There is a list of trainings and recertification protocol that will need to be followed.
- The Veteran's Program was Monday, November 11th and it all went very well! There was a lot of hard work that went into the program and I want to thank all that worked so hard.
- The Trunk or Treat was a success and we had a great turnout. It was a lot of fun for the school and the community.
- The ROE recognized our teachers for attending summer Professional Development through the ROE for their summer dedication to education. We had 8 that showed up during the summer.
- I want to give Mr. Abell another shout out. It has been a great pleasure to work with him through the first quarter. He has made some great changes and he is great for the district. Great job Mr. Abell!!
- There is only one district doing the E-Learning days for snow days. That district is Mendon Unity. Mr. Riddle will have a summary of how it working in the spring.
- With our Health, Life Safety money we are looking at having push buttons put on some of the doors.
- Also our intercom which is 30 years old is not working in the grade school and has been having problems. They have tried putting several boards in which did not work and are very costly. I would like to get a straw poll on if we could move forward and get a new intercom. This way they could get it installed over Christmas break.
- We are also looking at getting steps put in the hillside to the playground.
- Mr. Graham is looking into CTE. He has found out if we label things differently in SIS we could get more money.
- We had a Turkey Trot dance for 4th- 5th, 6th graders tonight with Mr. Harbison as the DJ. It went well.

Superintendent's Report continued:

- We used the 2 hour delay Tuesday, November 12th due to the weather and I feel it went very well.

JH/HS Principal's Report:

- Our first quarter ended on October 10th. We showed improvement compared to previous years on students with passing grades.
- On October 11th the entire staff attended the Quincy Workshop and brought back some new ideas.
- I attended the IPA Conference in Peoria October 21 and 22nd. I was able to attend some very good sessions. I have shared part of Hamish Brewer's message with the staff during our 2:16 dismissal time on October 23.
- The Student Council blood drive was held on October 23rd and was a big success.
- October 25th we held a district-wide paper airplane contest as an Honor Flight Fundraiser. The kids really enjoyed it and raised a lot of money for the Honor Flight.
- On October 30th I had an ice cream reward party for the 6th grade class for volunteering to pick up trash on and around the surrounding area of the campus on their walks.
- October 31st we held a district wide costume parade which was enjoyable.
- On November 6th two Army Recruiters worked with our Jr. High and High School students on team building and problem solving during PE classes.
- We are up to 194 followers on Instagram. That is up 10 from last month.
- Upcoming dates:
 - November 8th – Midterm for second quarter – grades go out November 14th
 - November 11 - Veteran's Day Assembly
 - November 13 – Mr. Mehaffy and Mr. Taylor took five sophomores, eleven juniors and five seniors to Springfield to the trade show at the BOS Center.
 - November 14 – Safety Lock Down Drill
- I attended DAR for Madison Gregory. Great job Madison!
- Moving forward on the Student Room. My wife and I came over on a Sunday and help paint the room.
- We sent out solicitation letters to some local businesses and we received from Helena an orange mini fridge and Bunn is going to send us a coffee maker.

Member Alan Taylor made the motion to go into Closed Session at 7:33 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 Jeff Browning seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Kevin Duesterhaus, yea; Brian Werries, yea; Jeff Browning, 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 Jeff Browning seconded the motion. Board returned from closed session at 7:47 p.m.

Member Kevin Duesterhaus made a motion to adopt a resolution to certify and file 2019 Tax Levy. Member Brian Werries seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Brian Werries, yea; Jeff Browning, yea; Scott Gregory, yea; Alan Taylor, yea; Jason Morton, yea; and Kevin Duesterhaus, yea. Motion carried 6 yeas – 0 nays.

Member Brian Werries made a motion to accept resignation of Janet Jones as an Aide. Member Jeff Browning seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Jeff Browning, yea; Scott Gregory, yea; Alan Taylor, yea; Jason Morton, yea; Kevin Duesterhaus, yea; and Brian Werries, yea. Motion carried 6 yeas – 0 nays.

Member Alan Taylor made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Kevin Duesterhaus seconded the motion. By unanimous vote meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

President, Jason Morton

Secretary, Madeline Buhlig