

**Minutes**  
**Regular Board of Education Meeting**  
**December 12, 2019**  
**7 p.m.**

The board of education of the Meredosia-Chambersburg School District met in regular session December 12th, 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, Jeff Browning, Scott Gregory, and Alan Taylor. Members Brian Werries and Madeline Buhlig were absent. Also present were Superintendent Thad Walker, JH Principal Jeff Abell, Carolyn Browning, district bookkeeper, Christine Brant, Shirley Bilyeu, Amy Davis, Jason Mehaffy, Russell Gregory, Peyton Knous, Emma Gregory and Madison Gregory.

Member Kevin Duesterhaus made a motion to approve the consent agenda after a question was answered about Activity Fund. Member Alan Taylor seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Jason Morton, yea; Kevin Duesterhaus, yea; Jeff Browning, yea; Scott Gregory, yea and Alan Taylor, yea. Motion carried 5 yeas – 0 nays.

There were no public Comments.

**Reports:**

The Senior Social Class and their sponsors were present. Peyton Knous presented the itinerary for their Senior Trip. They will leave Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup> and return Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup>. They are going to Honolulu, Hawaii.

**Superintendent's Report:**

- Mr. Walker gave an update on Dishwasher grant. We got final approval for \$31,521. This includes machine, gas line, vent hood, hot water condenser and installation. It will be installed before December 31. We are going to pay the difference to upgrade the gas line from 1 ½" to 2" in case we need it in the future.
- Rob Windell got the tree cut down with the help of his brother in law. Thanks to both of them.
- School board convention went very well. Thanks to all that went. As always had a great time.
- We are getting a new Pre-K student with multiple disabilities. I am looking for a one on one aide. She will start after Christmas break. She does not turn 3 until December 21. If we did not bring her to Meredosia it was going to be a bus trip to Beardstown twice a day.
- When looking at the bond payment I looked at the wrong amount so we had to change the levy on the bond and interest.
- We are looking at having a parent night for the 5Essentials survey for parents to fill out the survey. We have done this in the past with very little success but we are going to offer it again.
- We will need to be looking for a new speech pathologist for next year. Ellen Ehr Gott is going to work full time at Astoria next year. Her caseload is getting too much to handle both schools. I will post the position soon now that I have an official letter from her.
- With the strong winds we had the week of Thanksgiving we had shingles blow off the roof over the high school. We have contacted the insurance company and we got an estimate for replacement.
- Christmas concerts went very well and we had nice crowds both nights.
- Mr. Pulling is coming back next Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. Might be part time at first.
- I would like to move the January board meeting back a week due to us coming back from break January 6<sup>th</sup> and the meeting would be that Wednesday.

### JH/HS Principal's Report:

- On Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup> Mr. Sievers and some of our student council members spent most of the day shopping to buy Christmas gifts for our grade school students. The student council raised the funds used for this project and will be distributing the gifts at the end of the semester.
- The Jr-Sr High Winter Concert was held December 5<sup>th</sup> and it went very well.
- Finals week for the high school will be December 16<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>. We will run a block schedule with four class periods a day. Monday, Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> students will have a review day to prepare for their 1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> period finals.
- On Tuesday, Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> students will take their 1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> finals.
- Wednesday, Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> students will review for 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> period finals and take their 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> period finals on Thursday, Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Friday, Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> will be used as a make up day for any finals missed due to student absences or weather delays.
- On December 17<sup>th</sup> we will be hosting a high school boys basketball game vs. Payson. The JV game starts at 6 p.m. The senior class will have a spaghetti supper fundraiser that night as well. All school have been notified of the supper.
- We are up to 201 followers on Instagram. That is up seven from last month.
- Upcoming dates:
  - Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> – Jr. Sr. High Winter Concert
  - Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> – Triopia Fall Sports Banquet
  - Dec. 16-20<sup>th</sup> – High School finals week
  - Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup>- Jan. 6<sup>th</sup> – Christmas break
  - Jan. 6<sup>th</sup> – Teacher's Institute
  - January 7<sup>th</sup> – Students Return

Member Kevin Dueterhaus made the motion to go into Closed Session at 7:19 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 Dueterhaus, yea; Jeff Browning, yea; Scott Gregory, yea; Alan Taylor, yea; and Jason Morton, yea. Motion carried 5 yeas – 0 nays. Member Kevin Dueterhaus made the motion to return from closed session and Member Jeff Browning seconded the motion. Board returned from closed session at 7:28 p.m.

Member Kevin Dueterhaus made a motion to adopt a resolution to approve 1<sup>st</sup> reading of IASB School District policy update. Member Jeff Browning seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Jeff Browning, yea; Scott Gregory, yea; Alan Taylor, yea; Jason Morton, yea; and Kevin Dueterhaus, yea. Motion carried 5 yeas – 0 nays.

Member Alan Taylor made a motion to approve moving the January 2020 school board meeting to January 15, 2020. Member Jeff Browning seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Jeff Browning, yea; Scott Gregory, yea; Alan Taylor, yea; Jason Morton, yea; Kevin Dueterhaus, yea. Motion carried 5 yeas – 0 nays.

Member Kevin Dueterhaus made a motion to approve the Senior 2020 Social Class Trip. Member Alan Taylor seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Scott Gregory, yea; Alan Taylor, yea; Jason Morton, yea; Kevin Dueterhaus, yea and Jeff Browning, yea. Motion carried 5 yeas – 0 nays.

Member Scott Gregory made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Jeff Browning seconded the motion. By unanimous vote meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

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President, Jason Morton

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Secretary, Madeline Buhlig