

**Minutes**  
**Regular Board of Education Meeting**  
**December 14, 2023**  
**7:00 p.m.**

The board of education of the Meredosia-Chambersburg School District met in regular session on December 14, 2023 in the Board Room of the Meredosia-Chambersburg School. President Brian Werries called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll call was taken with the following members present: Brian Werries, Erica DeWitt, Jeff Browning, Jason Morton, Seth Schmitz and Zachary Floyd Also present were Principal Kirk Graham, Superintendent Thad Walker, District bookkeeper Shari Kleinlein, Christine Brant and Shirley Bilyeu and Madison Baker.

Member Erica DeWitt made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Member Jeff Browning seconded the motion. By unanimous vote motion carried 6 yeas – 0 nays.

**Reports:**

**Superintendent/Grade School Superintendent's Report given by Mr. Walker:**

1. We had a Health-Life-Safety visit from the ROE and the Illinois Fire Marshall, we need to replace the doors on the old gym on both ends which is well overdue. They do not latch, and we need to put a fire rated door on the new boiler room. Jerry contacted Adams County Glass and they have one to install which will cost approximately \$2100. We also need to replace a few hoses and connectors for the dust collector in the industrial arts room. Mr. Rahe and Mr. Walker will be handling this. The only issue we had in the elementary was that the Fire and Tornado drill sheet was not in the proper location in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade room.
2. We are going to start having after school homework and tutoring for the elementary K-5 starting after Christmas break. The JH and HS has had some great results, we will follow Ms. Kilver's plan she is currently doing at the Jr. Sr. High.
3. The new boiler system is complete and working great.
4. The matching construction grant for \$50,000.00 is complete and waiting on approval from ISBE for the gym roof. Once that is completed they will start getting bids in for the replacement.
5. I have contacted Ike Howe and forwarded him all the information for the Electrical Overview. I may have more information at the meeting.
6. Brian and I met with Travis Sievers concerning negotiations, things went very well, Brian and I will have more information at the meeting.
7. Shari and I went to our quarterly insurance co-op meeting in Springfield at the Crowne Plaza. I would like to have the building and grounds reappraised for replacement value, just to get an updated plan. The last appraisal was in 2015.
8. On January 10, 2024 I will be having knee surgery to remove 4 arthritic cysts from my left knee, so I am asking if we can change the January board meeting from the 10<sup>th</sup> to the 17<sup>th</sup>.
9. New news.....

**JH/HS Principal's Report given by Mr. Graham:**

Guest presenter-Maddie Baker spoke about taking a group of HS Latin Club students for an overnight trip. This will be voted on at the January meeting.

School improvement plan: Activities beginning January 2. Focus on writing. There will be activities scheduled on Mondays in January and February for 8 weeks.

Fall athletic co-op expenses reports from Virginia-These were included in your board packets. JH Baseball and JH Girls Basketball.

JH/HS students of the month for November: Based on the character trait of "Thanksfullness"- JH/Bianca Holder and HS/Justin Calaway.

Upcoming events: Triopia HS Boys Basketball vs. Payson @ Meredosia-Tuesday, Dec. 12, 2023. Senior class did a pulled pork dinners before the game. Service started at 4:30pm.

Saturday December 16, 2023- Drama Club will present the MCS D Follies in the old gym at 7pm.

Early dismissal (2:15) all next week the 18<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>.

HS semester exams are Tuesday the 19<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday the 20<sup>th</sup>. Thursday will be exam make-up day, and the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter and 1<sup>st</sup> semester.

Elementary Christmas activities: Sponsored by the HS Student Council. Thursday December 21<sup>st</sup> starting at 8:45am. Great praise to Mr. Sievers and the student council for their efforts to make this a great event for our students. They have completed their shopping and wrapping will be next Tuesday and Wednesday. You can see Tracy's facebook page for video and pictures.

Winter break: Friday December 22, 2023 – Tuesday January 2, 2024. Teacher's return Tuesday the 2<sup>nd</sup> for Teachers Institute, and students will return Wednesday January 3<sup>rd</sup>.

New topics:

JH Volleyball is going very well with G-P. Total of 7 girls participating but 3 6<sup>th</sup> grade girls quit on Wednesday 12/13/23. We still have 3 7<sup>th</sup> graders and 1 8<sup>th</sup> grader playing. Practice started November 28<sup>th</sup> and games will begin on January 9<sup>th</sup>.

There will be no Tri-County Bitty Ball this year. Mr. Thompson has other obligations. Our own Ms. Sanders is doing some checking with surrounding schools to possibly do a 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade basketball activity.

Member Seth Schmitz made the motion to go into Closed Session at 7:30 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 Erica DeWitt seconded the motion. Member Jeff Browning made the motion to return from closed session and Member Seth Schmitz seconded the motion. Board returned from closed session at 8:05 p.m.

Member Jason Morton made a motion to approve the PressPlus Issue 113 Member Erica DeWitt seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Alan Taylor, yea; Madeline Buhlig, yea; Erica Dewitt, yea; Jeff Browning, yea; Brian Werries, yea; Seth Schmitz, yea; Motion carried 6 yeas and 0 nays.

Member Mason Morton made a motion to approve the \$50,000 Maint. grant Member Erica DeWitt seconded the motion. All approved and motion carried. 6 yeas and 0 nays.

Member Jason Morton made a motion to Adjourn the meeting. Member Jeff Browning seconded the motion. By unanimous vote meeting was adjourned at 8:12pm.

Next meeting to be held January 17<sup>th</sup> 2023 at 7pm.

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President, Brian Werries

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Secretary, Erica DeWitt