**Minutes**

**Regular Board of Education Meeting**

**June 14, 2023**

**7:00 p.m.**

The board of education of the Meredosia-Chambersburg School District met in regular session on June 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, Madeline Buhlig, Erica DeWitt, Jeff Browning, Seth Schmitz, Alan Taylor and Jason Morton. Also present were Principal Kirk Graham, Superintendent Thad Walker, District bookkeeper Shari Kleinlein, Christine Brant, Shirley Bilyeu, Corey Bowman, Diane Bowman, Maci Schmitz, Jacob Browning, Rhonda Morton, Shawn Cox.

Member Jason Morton made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Member Madeline Buhlig seconded the motion. By unanimous vote motion carried 7 yeas – 0 nays.

**Reports:**

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

1. The Core of Engineers will be using the cafeteria on July 11 & 12 to host a meeting and bid proposal for the LaGrange Lock and Dam project. I was contacted by Heather Bishop to set up a meeting place for them.
2. They have started on the roof on the High school end of the building, they should be getting done at the end of this week or the beginning of next week.
3. The last phase of the asbestos removal has started. They should be getting done at the end of this week or the beginning of next week.
4. Ashley Sanders has resigned from being the head coach of softball and Gracie Duesterhaus is not doing the assistant position, so we will be posting both positions. Mr. Graham will have more information at the meeting.
5. Summer Camp is off to a great start. We have roughly 47 students attending.
6. CPPRT levels are scheduled to drop off 20% next year. That is the projected decrease is what I am hearing from Vic Zimmerman is the GURU for CPPRT. He is the former Supt. At Monticello and he works for IASA currently.
7. I have interviewed Ronda Morton for the Head cook position. My recommendation is to hire her for the position. We have 3 applications for the cook position. We will interview them after we decide on the head cook position. I want that person to sit in on the interview process.
8. We still need a 5th grade teacher, industrial arts, and 3 special ed positions and HS P.E. We had a 5th grade interview, but they never showed up for the interview.
9. We had to have three new written plans to be compliant with OSHA regulations: Bloodborne Pathogens, Lockout/TagOut, and Hazard Communication and Disposal of Hazardous Waste. I have the example plans if anyone would like to view them.
10. The budget amendment was the purchase services for Building.

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

1. Senior Dinner and Awards went very well on May 17. Very well received with a lot of compliments.
2. Both 8th grade promotion and HS graduation went very well.
   1. Thank you to Mr. Werries and Mr. Browning for presenting.
3. IAR scores showed improvement
   1. Still need great improvement as most all students did not meet
   2. IAR preparation will be a major focus during the 2023-24 school year.
4. Currently working on State reports that are due in June and July.
5. Started working on an outline for JH/HS scheduling for 2023-24
   1. Challenging at this time due to staffing needs.
6. Personnel matters (closed session)
   1. Ashley Sanders resigning from JH softball
   2. Posted the position
   3. Ty Gebhart – Triopia HS coach is very interested in the position
      1. I will call him over next week to interview
      2. Also, wait to see if anyone else applies
7. MTV Co-op expenses attached for your review.
   1. Includes sports:
      1. HS Boys and Girls basketball (one report combined)
      2. JH Boys Basketball
      3. JH Volleyball
      4. HS Baseball and Softball
   2. We have previously received expenses for:
      1. Football
      2. Golf (which we will no longer be in the co-op after this year)
      3. JH Baseball
      4. JH Girls Basketball
8. Mr. Bowman – presentation for new band uniforms.

Member Alan Taylor made the motion to go into Closed Session at 7:42 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 Seth Schmitz seconded the motion. Member Erica DeWitt made the motion to return from closed session and Member Seth Schmitz seconded the motion. Board returned from closed session at 7:54 p.m.

Member Alan Taylor made a motion to accept the resignation of Head Cook Debbie Gregory Member Seth Schmitz seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Madeline Buhlig, yea; Erica DeWitt, yea; Jeff Browning, yea; Seth Schmitz, yea; Brian Werries, yea; Jason Morton, yea; Alan Taylor, yea; Motion carried 7 yeas and 0 nays.

Member Jason Morton made a motion to approve the amended 2022-2023 Budget Member Erica DeWitt seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Brian Werries, yea; Madline Buhlig, yea; Jeff Browning, yea; Seth Schmitz, yea; Erica DeWitt, yea; Jason Morton, yea; Alan Taylor, yea; Motion carried 7 yeas and 0 nays.

Member Jason Morton made a motion to approve the hiring of Mary Hawkins as a route bus driver Member Alan Taylor seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Madeline Buhlig, yea; Jeff Browning, yea; Seth Schmitz, yea; Erica DeWitt, yea; Brian Werries, yea; Jason Morton, yea; Alan Taylor, yea; Motion carried 7 yeas and 0 nays.

Item 6.4 to approve the annual review of the Student Discipline Policy was tabled until next Month’s meeting.

Member Seth Schmitz made a motion to Approve the hiring of 2 summer workers. Member Madeline Buhlig seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Madeline Buhlig, yea; Jeff Browning, yea; Seth Schmitz, yea; Erica DeWitt, yea; Brian Werries, yea; Alan Taylor, yea; Jason Morton, abstained. Motion carried 6 yeas and 0 nays, 1 abstained.

Member Madeline Buhlig made a motion to approve the hiring of new teacher Madison Baker. Alan Taylor seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Madeline Buhlig, yea; Jeff Browning, yea; Seth Schmitz, yea; Erica DeWitt, yea; Brian Werries, yea; Alan Taylor, yea; Jason Morton, yea; Motion carried 7 yeas and 0 nays.

Member Madeline Buhlig made a motion to approve Press Plus Issue 112 Member Erica DeWitt seconded the motion. All approved and the motion carried 7 yeas and 0 nays.

Member Alan Taylor made the motion to approve to hire Rhona Morton as the head cook. Member Madeline Buhlig seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Madeline Buhlig, yea; Jeff Browning, yea; Brian Werries, yea; Alan Taylor, yea; Erica DeWitt, yea; Jason Morton, abstained; Motion carried 6 yeas and 0 nays, 1 abstained.

Member Seth Schmitz made a motion to Adjourn the meeting. Member Jason Morton seconded the motion. By unanimous vote meeting was adjourned at 8:22pm.

Next Regular meeting to be held July 12, 2023 at 7:00pm.

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President, Brian Werries

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Secretary, Erica DeWitt