

Minutes
Regular Board of Education Meeting
March 8, 2023
7:00 p.m.

The board of education of the Meredosia-Chambersburg School District met in regular session on March 8, 2023 in the Board Room of the Meredosia-Chambersburg School. Vice President Alan Taylor called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll call was taken with the following members present: Alan Taylor, Madeline Buhlig, Erica DeWitt, Jeff Browning, Jason Morton and Seth Schmitz. Brian Werries was absent. Also present were Principal Kirk Graham, Superintendent Thad Walker, District bookkeeper Shari Kleinlein, Christine Brant and Shirley Bilyeu.

Member Jason Morton 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:

There was some wind damage underneath the canopy on Monday Feb. 27th, it blew two panels out, so we contacted the insurance company. We will have the bid openings for the roof project and to finish the inside of the new building on Monday, so you will need to vote on those. Lindsey Foubester, our nurse's aid is not coming back to work this year, because she had a baby and she cannot find any babysitting at this time. I am moving Destini to that position, she has her CNA certificate. Ms. Carmean has been trying to do both, but it is a lot. Roni Hull will be subbing for the first grade aid as a long term position. The BookFair/Family Night was a big success with over 150 people attending. We had a table with Birth to 5 representatives, UpWard Bound, FFA, and the CEO Program was represented. It was a great night. I have Mr. Graham's evaluation done, we can go over that in executive session. We can ask him to leave so I can explain a few things. He has a great evaluation. I want to go over some of the goals that I have set-up for him to make sure that you as a board and myself are on the same page. Mrs. Drake has verbally told me she was going to retire at the end of this year, nothing in writing yet. Four Rivers has invited the elementary classes 3rd through 5th grade to attend their Carnival Day in Jacksonville. Hopefully we can arrange for them to attend, everything is free of charge. Paula Stewart sent us a personal invitation. We have got the new van, so we have our Hope School route covered with our vehicle. I am hoping to have a calendar for you to vote on, if I can have all the ducks in a row before Wednesday. We need to have the bleachers repaired so that they will pass inspection and be certified. Will need you to vote on that for approval. I want to share a new position I would like to create in conjunction with the Village of Meredosia for a Community Outreach Liason. We can discuss this in further detail.

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

School Activities: Book Fair last week was very successful last week. Ms. Kilver reported the book fair made \$2800.00. I will commend Ms. Kilver and Mrs. Potter for their hard work with the book fair, as it was very successful. IAR testing started this week. Thursday, March 9th is the end of the 3rd Quarter. Friday, March 10th there is No School. Monday, March 13th is a 12:15 dismissal for SIP. Thursday, March 16th is the NHS induction at 7:00PM. March 28 the NHS will host a Blood Drive from 1:30 – 6:30. Saturday, April 15th is the school play with the Juniors hosting a spaghetti dinner before the play.

DLT team- continuing to work on School Improvement Plan and Curriculum reviews.

Athletics information: Coach Brockhouse -Triopia Football coach visited with boys interested in playing football in the fall on Tuesday Feb. 28th. We had 9 boys show up for the meeting: 2 Seniors, 4 Sophomores, and 3 Freshmen. Discussion included the Lift-A-Thon fundraiser this month, and basic general information at this time. High School Track: Boys: 3 Sophomores and 1 Freshman (No participants from Griggsville-Perry) Originally from Griggsville 2 boys and 2 girls were interested. I believe the lack of transportation from Griggsville does not allow the students to participate easily. JH track practice started this week: Boys: 2 6th graders; 3 7th graders. Girls: 4 6th graders; and 1 7th grader. See attachment for co-op renewals for the 2023-24 SY. Mr. Dean (Supt. From Triopia) is in the process of

scheduling the MTV Co-op meeting between all 3 schools in April. I have not seen a confirmed date at this time. (Tentative Thursday, April 13th @ 6:30-7:00pm) April meeting discussion of co-op recommendations and approvals. May meeting will have action items for co-op approvals. IHSA Membership Renewal for the 2023-24 approval. Approve amendment to Handbook Policy in regards to cell phones.

Member Seth Schmitz made the motion to go into Closed Session at 7:49 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 Madeline Buhlig made the motion to return from closed session and Member Seth Schmitz seconded the motion. Board returned from closed session at 8:16 p.m.

Member Jason Morton made a motion to approve the student handbook change regarding cell phones Member Jeff Browning seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Alan Taylor, yea; Madeline Buhlig, yea; Erica Dewitt, yea; Jeff Browning, yea; Seth Schmitz, yea; Jason Morton, yea; Motion carried 6 yeas and 0 nays.

Member Jason Morton made a motion to approve the bid for the roof on the east of the building Member Erica DeWitt seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Madeline Buhlig, yea; Erica DeWitt, yea; Alan Taylor, yea; Jeff Browning, yea; Seth Schmitz, yea; Jason Morton, yea; Motion carried 6 yeas and 0 nays.

Member Jeff Browning made a motion to approve the bid for bleacher repairs Member Seth Schmitz seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Alan Taylor, yea; Jason Morton, yea; Madeline Buhlig, yea; Jeff Browning, yea; Seth Schmitz, yea; Erica DeWitt, yea; Motion carried 6 yeas and 0 nays.

Member Jason Morton made a motion to Approve the bid for the completion of the interior of the new building. Member Seth Schmitz seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Madline Buhlig, yea; Jeff Browning, yea; Seth Schmitz, yea; Erica DeWitt, yea; Alan Taylor, yea; Jason Morton, yea; Motion carried 6 yeas and 0 nays.

Member Madeline Buhlig made a motion to Approve the 2023-2024 School Calendar Member Erica DeWitt seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Madline Buhlig, yea; Jeff Browning, yea; Seth Schmitz, yea; Erica DeWitt, yea; Alan Taylor, yea; Jason Morton, yea; Motion carried 6 yeas and 0 nays.

Member Madeling Buhlig made a motion to Approve the IHSA membership for the 2023-2024 School Year Member Jeff Browning seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Madline Buhlig, yea; Jeff Browning, yea; Seth Schmitz, yea; Erica DeWitt, yea; Alan Taylor, yea; Jason Morton, yea; Motion carried 6 yeas and 0 nays.

Member Jeff Browning made a motion to Adjourn the meeting. Member Seth Schmitz seconded the motion. By unanimous vote meeting was adjourned at 8:27pm.

Next meeting to be held April 12, 2023 at 7pm.

President, Brian Werries

Secretary, Jason Morton