**Minutes**

**Regular Board of Education Meeting**

**December 14, 2016**

**7:00 p.m.**

The board of education of the Meredosia-Chambersburg School District met in special session December 14, 2016 in the boardroom of the Meredosia-Chambersburg School. President Jeff Schmitz called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll call was taken with the following members present: Jeff Schmitz, Kevin Duesterhaus, Jason Morton, Brian Werries, Scott Gregory and Miranda Liehr. Member Kevin Kleinschmidt was absent. Also present were Supt. Thad Walker, JH/HS principal Dan Carie, bookkeeper/secretary Carolyn Browning, Travis Sievers, Mike Gadberry, Karly Schmitz, and Jessica Marsik.

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

There were no public comments.

Reports:

President Jeff Schmitz asked that the seniors present the 2017 Senior class trip itinerary. Karly Schmitz and Jessica Marsik represented the class along with Senior Class sponsor Travis Sievers. Their destination is Hawaii leaving on Tuesday, May 2nd and returning Sunday, May 7th. They almost have the total amount raised for the trip. Events planned include Germaine’s Luau, snorkeling and dolphin tour, Pearl Harbor and City tour, hiking Diamond Head, and trying their luck at the International Market.

Superintendent’s Report:

* We had one FOIA request for retiring teachers for 2017. Mr. Gadberry is the only one.
* We have had two bids for snow removal with Hembrough Tree Service in Jacksonville at $445 for removal and with ice melt spread $680. Jim Summers from Bluffs had a bid for $45 an hour and he estimates 3 hours to remove snow so approximately $135 a time. The bids include parking lots and bus garage area.
* We had a power outage November 28th and school was cancelled. We will use the May 26th XED day to make up the day.
* We have 2 bids for a new tractor – Arend’s Awe and Beards Implement.
* State Police used the old grade school building on December 1st for training. December 15th has been requested for SWAT and National Guard to use building and land on football field with helicopter.
* We had the SPIRE training on December 6th with Laura Radliff presenting the training. I can ensure there will be growth for our students.
* The 5Essentials Survey will be going out after Christmas break. The time frame for completion is November 16-January 16.
* A tax breakdown was enclosed in the school board packet. It shows the decrease of taxes from the Ameren plant over the next 10 years.
* Prairie State Insurance Maintenance Inspection was December 14th and went well. Very thorough – took 2 ½ hours.
* The unemployment insurance contribution rate has decreased from last year.
* We will stay with the standard bus versus moving to a flat front bus. It would cost $10,000 more per lease.
* Students checked out 993 books from the library for the month of November.
* Mr. Shupe started a Facebook account for the school district. We found it was easier to get the word out for a school closed on Facebook. This will coincide with the web page. So “like us on Facebook”. I want to thank Mr. Shupe on a job well done on the website and adding Facebook to our connections with the community.
* It would cost $4955.26 -1/2 our cost to replace outside marquee. After discussion it was decided to wait and look into the expense of a automated sign.

Christmas break – December 21-January 3, 2017

Polar Express Day – December 21st with movie “Polar Express” and Christmas parties

JH/HS Principal’s Report:

* ATI testing is complete. Will compare student growth.
* Cary Knox gave a short presentation to Member Miranda Liehr on “Links of Strength”. Miranda spoke to board about what it involves. The senior girls have been mentoring some younger girls as long as several other staff members.
* Senior class trip presentation by Senior Class 2017
* Elementary, Jr & Sr. Winter Concert was December 6th and 8th. It went very well.
* District Leadership Team is December 13th
* MC Giving Tree: each year the Christmas tree is designated to raising money for a worthy cause. Sevier County, Tennessee Humane Society is where the money will go this year that is raised.
* “Leave Your Mark” fundraiser to beautify the front garden. Each brick purchased helps support the cause.

Grant Duesterhaus is the student in charge of this project. He has up to approximately 80 bricks purchased.

* Winter dance for JH – December 16th – from 6-8:30 and HS – December 17 – 7-10 p.m. in the big gym weather permitting sponsored by the Student Council.
* Final Exam Schedule – December 19 and 20th (will have to reschedule due to no school)
* SIP Day December 21st – ½ day
* HS Volleyball coach for 2017-2018 – position will be posted after Christmas break
* Griggsville/Perry HS Co-op discussion. They don’t want to pay for anything
* Discussion about After Prom who is in charge – Junior Class parents

Member Kevin Duesterhaus 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 Jason Morton seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Jason Morton, yea; Brian Werries, yea; Scott Gregory, yea; Miranda Liehr, yea; Jeff Schmitz, yea; and Kevin Duesterhaus, yea. Motion carried 6 yeas – 0 nays.

Members came out of executive session at 7:56 p.m. by unanimous vote.

Member Kevin Duesterhaus made a motion to adopt a resolution to certify and file the 2016 Tax Levy. Member Miranda Liehr seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Brian Werries, yea; Scott Gregory, yea; Miranda Liehr, yea; Jeff Schmitz, yea; Kevin Duesterhaus, yea and Jason Morton, yea. Motion carried 6 yeas – 0 nays.

Member Brian Werries made a motion to adopt a resolution to approve the second read of school board policy updates: 6:300, 7:150, 7:190, 7:200, 7:210, 7:220, 7:240, 7:305, 2:70, 2:70-E, 2:120-E1, 2:120-E2, 2:240-E1, 2:240-E2, 6:100, 7:10, 7:10E, 7:270, 8:90, 8:110, 2:120, 2:125, 2:125-E1, 2:125E2, 2:200, 2:220, 2:220-E1, 2:220-E2, 2:220-E5, 2:220-E6, 2:220-E7, 2:220-E8, 4:60, 4:110, 4:175, 5:10, 5:60, 5:60-E1, 5:60-E2, 5:125, 5:185, 5:190, 5:250, 5:260, 5:280, 5:330, 6:15, 6:50, 6:60, 6:145, 6:160, 6:310, 6:340, 7:50, 7:60, 7:70, 7:250, 7:260, 7:305, 7:310, 7:315, 8:30, 8:70. Member Miranda Liehr seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Scott Gregory, yea; Miranda Liehr, yea; Jeff Schmitz, yea; Kevin Duesterhaus, yea; Jason Morton, yea; and Brian Werries, yea. Motion carried 6 yeas-0 nays.

Member Scott Gregory made a motion to approve the 2017 Senior Class trip to Hawaii. Member Kevin Duesterhaus seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Miranda Liehr, yea; Jeff Schmitz, yea; Kevin Duesterhaus, yea; Jason Morton, yea; Brian Werries, yea; and Scott Gregory, yea. Motion carried 6 yeas – 0 nays.

Member Jason Morton made a motion to approve Jim Summers snow removal bid at $45 an hour. Member Miranda Liehr seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Jeff Schmitz, yea; Kevin Duesterhaus, yea; Jason Morton, yea; Brian Werries, yea; Scott Gregory, yea; and Miranda Liehr, yea. Motion carried 6 yeas – 0 nays.

Member Kevin Duesterhaus made a motion to purchase a new 2016 Kubota tractor from Beard Implement and trade in our old one for $21,200. Member Jason Morton seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Kevin Duesterhaus, yea; Jason Morton, yea; Brian Werries, yea; Scott Gregory, yea; Miranda Liehr, yea; and Jeff Schmitz, yea. Motion carried 6 yeas – 0 nays.

It was decided to table Action Item 6.6 – ½ cost of sign replacement of outside sign with improvements. The board decided to look into the cost of an automatic sign.

Member Miranda Liehr made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Jason Morton seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Brian Werries, yea; Scott Gregory, yea; Miranda Liehr, yea; Jeff Schmitz, yea; Kevin Duesterhaus, and Jason Morton, yea. Motion carried 6 yeas – 0 nays. Meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

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President, Jeff Schmitz

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Secretary, Miranda Liehr