**Minutes**

**Regular Board of Education Meeting**

**June 21, 2017**

**7:05 p.m.**

The board of education of the Meredosia-Chambersburg School District met in regular session June 21, 2017 in the boardroom of the Meredosia-Chambersburg School. President Jason Morton called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Roll call was taken with the following members present: Jason Morton, Kevin Duesterhaus, Brian Werries, Madeline Buhlig and Miranda Liehr. Member Scott Gregory was absent. Also present were Supt. Thad Walker, JH/HS principal Dan Carie, Carolyn Browning, secretary, Jeff Browning, Christina Brant and Shirley Bilyeu.

Member Miranda Liehr made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Member Kevin Duesterhaus seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Jason Morton, yea; Kevin Duesterhaus, yea; Brian Werries, yea; Madeline Buhlig, yea and Miranda Liehr, yea. Motion carried 5 yeas – 0 nays.

President Jason Morton said we have Jeff Browning present and willing to fill the vacant school board seat which will be up in April 2019.

Member Brian Werries made a motion to appoint Jason Browning to fill the vacant school board member seat. Member Miranda Liehr seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Kevin Duesterhaus, yea; Brian Werries, yea; Madeline Buhlig, yea; Miranda Liehr, yea; and Jason Morton, yea. Motion carried 5 yeas – 0 nays.

Jeff Browning was seated and took the school board oath of office.

There were no public comments.

Reports:

Superintendent’s Report:

* The district received a check for the damaged outdoor sign. The fire departments insurance paid for the full sign $4955.26.
* It looks like we will be getting a refund from TRS for about $11,000 for over payment last year. Mike Gadberry had 141 sick days over the normal annual allotment turned into TRS so it looks like it will cost the District approximately $11,800.
* Both graduations went very well.
* The new reading series “Journey’s” arrived. Ryan Reiss and Jenny Chute sorted and distributed them to the appropriate classrooms. A big thanks goes out to Ryan for all the work he put into getting the new books. Great job!
* The tiles are lifting up in the 4th and 5th grade rooms. Several years ago plywood was laid down over the old tiles. The tile is no longer sticking. I looked into replacing the tiles with carpet but the cost was around $4000 so Jerry and I decided to just put the old tiles down for now and wax and seal the floor.
* The work camp will be here June 27th & 28th to work in the elementary building. We are getting a dumpster which will arrive this Friday, June 23rd. They will clean the rooms from the 3rd floor down.
* We have a early childhood student that will be attending Griggsville next year. We will need to provide a one to one aide and there will be an extra trip to Griggsville. The program starts at 12:15 p.m. and then the student can ride home on the current bus going to Griggsville.
* Jerry and I are looking at some different options for the parking lot. It is in need of some major repair. Illinois Valley Paving is going to come and give us some options next week.
* The summer reading program has 23 students enrolled. Around 20 students have continued to come and its going very well and the kids are enjoying it. Rhea Drake and Raquel Romero have been coming and helping Amy Davis with the program.
* We locked in our gas price with Tylex for the next two years at $3.10 MMBTU. It increased 1 cent from last contract.
* Architechnics was down and checked out the front concrete face overhang on the outside of the school. The I beams seem to be shifting because of the weight. This has caused one of the pillars to show cracks as well. So far no water has seeped in to do further damage. He recommended 3 different scenarios the district. The cheapest would be just remove the sections and replace with lighter material. This option would cost between $10,000-$12,000 and it would take about 1 ½ weeks to fix. This is a project that cannot be done in the winter time.
* We are getting the Fiscal year finished and then I will start on next year’s budget.
* Mr. Walker explained they are asking school board to approve children leaving at 2:15 p.m. every Wednesday during the school year. This way faculty have time to go over information that can better help children if they are needing help. This will also take place of most SIP days. Teachers would stay till their normal release time of 3:35 p.m. Discussion was held and Mr. Carie also felt there would be a huge benefit to doing this.

JH/HS Principal’s Report:

* Summer workers are doing a good job and getting a lot done. We also ended up hiring Grant Duesterhaus and Renee Browning.
* JH and HS promotions both went well. Mr. Carie wanted to give kudos to Jeannie for helping the students know how to dress and what to do for graduation.
* Both math positions and PE/Driver Ed position are still vacant and no interest.
* Greene County work camp will be here the 27th and 28th of June and will help clean the old grade school.
* Kudos to Grant Duesterhaus and Nick Battefeld and the students that worked so hard on the “Leaf Your Mark” project. It looks great!
* Mr. Carie wanted to thank the board for considering getting a new electronic sign.

Member Miranda Liehr made the motion to go into Closed Session at 8:07 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 Kevin Duesterhaus seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Brian Werries, yea; Madeline Buhlig, yea; Jeff Browning, yea; Miranda Liehr, yea; Jason Morton, yea and Kevin Duesterhaus, yea. Motion carried 6 yeas – 0 nays.

Members came out of executive session at 8:30 p.m. Member Kevin Duesterhaus made the motion and seconded by Member Brian Werries. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Member Miranda Liehr made a motion to approve resignation of Ryan Sichting. Member Madeline Buhlig seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Madeline Buhlig, yea; Jeff Browning, yea; Miranda Liehr, yea; Jason Morton, yea; Kevin Duesterhaus, yea and Brian Werries, yea. Motion carried 6 yeas – 0 nays.

Member Brian Werries made a motion to approve the resignation of Kerrigen Stech, Aide. Member Kevin Duesterhaus seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Jeff Browning, yea; Miranda Liehr, yea; Jason Morton, yea; Kevin Duesterhaus, yea; Brian Werries, yea and Madeline Buhlig, yea. Motion carried 6 yeas – 0 nays.

Member Madeline Buhlig made a motion to approve Prairie State Insurance Cooperative as the District Insurance Carrier for the 2018 school year. Member Jeff Browning seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Miranda Liehr, yea; Jason Morton, yea; Kevin Duesterhaus, yea; Brian Werries, yea; Madeline Buhlig, yea; and Jeff Browning, yea. Motion carried 6 yeas – 0 nays.

Member Madeline Buhlig made a motion to approve renewal of Life Safety Bond for Sandra Battefeld. Member Brian Werries seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Jason Morton, yea; Kevin Duesterhaus, yea; Brian Werries, yea; Madeline Buhlig, yea; Jeff Browning, yea; and Miranda Liehr, yea. Motion carried 6 yeas – 0 nays.

Member Brian Werries made a motion to approve Prevailing Wage Resolution. Member Kevin Duesterhaus seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Kevin Duesterhaus, yea; Brian Werries, yea; Madeline Buhlig, yea; Jeff Browning, yea; Miranda Liehr, yea; and Jason Morton, yea. Motion carried 6 yeas – 0 nays.

Member Brian Werries made a motion to approve IASB School District Policy Code 2:100; 3:70; 4:15; 4:130-E; 5:120; 5:230; 5:285; 5:300; 6:70; 7:100. Member Miranda Liehr seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Brian Werries, yea; Madeline Buhlig, yea; Jeff Browning, yea; Miranda Liehr, yea; Jason Morton, yea; and Kevin Duesterhaus, yea. Motion carried 6 yeas – 0 nays.

Member Brian Werries made a motion to approve raising the following fees – JH athletic fee to $20; HS track and volleyball fee to $40. Member Madeline Buhlig seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Madeline Buhlig, yea; Jeff Browning, yea; Miranda Liehr, yea; Jason Morton, yea; Kevin Duesterhaus, yea; and Brian Werries, yea. Motion carried 6 yeas – 0 nays.

Action Item 9.8 was tabled because we weren’t sure the sub teacher’s pay hadn’t been covered in new contract.

Member Kevin Duesterhaus made a motion to approve 2:15 p.m. school dismissal every Wednesday for students during the 2017-2018 school year. Member Brian Werries seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Jeff Browning,yea; Miranda Liehr, yea; Jason Morton, yea; Kevin Duesterhaus, yea; Brian Werries, yea; and Madeline Buhlig, yea. Motion carried 6 yeas – 0 nays.

Member Miranda Liehr made a motion to approve Ashley Sanders as JH Girls Basketball head coach. Member Jeff Browning seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Miranda Liehr, yea; Jason Morton, yea; Kevin Duesterhaus, yea; Brian Werries, yea; Madeline Buhlig, yea; and Jeff Browning, yea. Motion carried 6 yeas – 0 nays.

Member Brian Werries made a motion to approve Amanda Carriger as JH Girls Basketball assistant coach. Member Jeff Browning seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Jason Morton, yea; Kevin Duesterhaus, yea; Brian Werries, yea; Madeline Buhlig, yea; Jeff Browning, yea and Miranda Liehr, yea. Motion carried 6 yeas – 0 nays.

Member Brian Werries made a motion to approve 3 year contract with QNS regarding computer upgrades. Member Miranda Liehr seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Kevin Duesterhaus, yea; Brian Werries, yea; Madeline Buhlig, yea; Jeff Browning, yea; Miranda Liehr, yea and Jason Morton, yea. Motion carried 6 yeas – 0 nays.

Member Brian Werries made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Kevin Duesterhaus seconded the motion. Motion carried via voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

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President, Jason Morton

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Secretary, Miranda Liehr