**Minutes**

**Regular Board of Education Meeting**

**January 10, 2018**

**7:00 p.m.**

The board of education of the Meredosia-Chambersburg School District met in regular session January 10, 2018 in the boardroom of the Meredosia-Chambersburg School. President Jason Morton called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. Roll call was taken with the following members present: Jason Morton, Kevin Duesterhaus, Madeline Buhlig and Jeff Browning. Members Brian Werries and Scott Gregory were absent. Also present were Superintendent Thad Walker, JH/HS principal Dan Carie, Carolyn Browning, secretary, Christina Brant and Shirley Bilyeu.

Member Kevin Duesterhaus made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Member Madeline Buhlig seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Jason Morton, yea; Kevin Duesterhaus, yea; Madeline Buhlig, yea; and Jeff Browning, yea. Motion carried 4 yeas – 0 nays.

**No Public Comments.**

**Reports:**

**Superintendent’s Report:**

* I have tried to contact the person interested in the old grade school building on several occasions and have not received any response.
* Would like to look into replacing the 2003 white Dodge Van that we currently have with a newer vehicle. The front end needs replaced and it is getting some age on the vehicle. The repairs would cost more than the van is worth. The trade in value is $728 on the high side and sell out right for $1700. He would like to have something different by the beginning of the next school year.
* We are in the process of doing the Pre-K grant and it is a competitive grant but it will be good for five years. Everyone is writing to get approval. We should know if we get approved by May according to ISBE. If we do not receive the grant I have a plan in place. Possibly as an alternate plan – ½ day Pre-K and ½ day for the teacher doing RTI. We are checking with other superintendents to compare writing the grant and will take them up together on Friday, January 12th.
* The SIP day went well. Elementary worked on the last training for Journey’s.
* We are looking at going back to the traditional schedule next year. The issues we have is working the two schedules together. We want to get the most use out of our people as possible. Mrs. Pool and Mr. Carie will be working on a schedule for next year.
* We are piloting a new assessment tool. It is called Star 360 – it will replace the ATI Assessment. We are currently using Star Reading and Accelerated Reader and this would be an add on to the existing account. The price would be approximately $3-$5 per student. We are using the add on license now with a 60 day free trial.
* The 5-Essential survey is out and must be completed by January 31, 2018. We will be offering a community night so they can have access to take the survey on January 17th from 5-7 p.m. You can also access it from Facebook and Website.
* We cancelled school due to the extreme cold on January 4th and January 8th – ice. We will make up these days by being in session on March 11th and May 4th.
* Mrs. Cooley, 2nd grade teacher has turned in her letter of retirement at the end of this school year.
* I will be starting the calendar committee at the end of the month.

**Principal’s Report – Jr/Sr High School:**

* CSI presentation on Teachers Institute day – Con Academy and Total engagement – JH/HS
* Effectiveness of JH RTI = 8th hour of the day
* ATI – benchmark 1 test – January 16-26
* District Leadership Team met and discussed SIP plan

**Principal’s Report continued**:

* M-C Giving tree – each year Christmas tree is designated to raising money for a worthy cause. Susan (Jump) Manker’s husband Steve is the recipient this year.
* SIP Day – January 12th
* January 6 and February 3 – Tri-County Biddy Basketball at Meredosia – first one went well and very well attended.
* Upcoming sports events: January 11th – JHVB –

January 15th – HSGBB January 29 – Freshman boys basketball

* January 20th – Junior Social Class breakfast
* Illinois Job Bank post – 4 teacher openings
* Class schedule change for 2018-2019 school year – no block

Member Jeff Browning made the motion to go into Closed Session at 7:20 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: Kevin Duesterhaus, yea; Madeline Buhlig, yea; Jeff Browning, yea; and Jason Morton, yea. Motion carried 4 yeas – 0 nays.

Members came out of executive session at 7:46 p.m.

Member Madeline Buhlig made a motion to accept Cindy Cooley’s letter or retirement at the end of this school year. Member Jeff Browning seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Madeline Buhlig, yea; Jeff Browning, yea; Jason Morton, yea; and Kevin Duesterhaus, yea. Motion carried 4 yeas – 0 nays.

Member Kevin Duesterhaus made a motion to move the February regular board meeting to February 21. Member Jeff Browning seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Jeff Browning, yea; Jason Morton, yea; Kevin Duesterhaus, yea and Madeline Buhlig, yea. Motion carried 4 yeas – 0 nays.

Member Kevin Duesterhau made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Jeff Browning seconded the motion. Motion carried via voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

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President, Jason Morton

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Secretary, Madeline Buhlig