**Minutes**

**Regular Board of Education Meeting**

**April 11, 2018**

**7:00 p.m.**

The board of education of the Meredosia-Chambersburg School District met in regular session April 11, 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, Brian Werries, Madeline Buhlig, Jeff Browning, Scott Gregory and Alan Taylor. Also present were Superintendent Thad Walker, JH/HS principal Dan Carie, Carolyn Browning, secretary, Christina Brant, and Shirley Bilyeu.

Member Madeline Buhlig made a motion to approve the consent agenda after several questions concerning fiscal matters were answered. 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; Scott Gregory, yea and Alan Taylor, yea. Motion carried 7 yeas – 0 nays.

**Public Comments:**

There were no public comments.

Discussion was held on plans for the old grade school building. Mr. Walker spoke on the shape of the building stating it’s in good shape overall. The building was built in 1937. He mentioned we have had several inquiries about purchasing the building. Mr. Walker’s suggestion was to put up for sealed bids. We could place a minimum bid and discussion about what that minimum bid was discussed. After more discussion regarding what to do with the old grade school building it was decided to go into closed session to further discussion the selling of the building.

**Reports:**

**Superintendent’s Report:**

* The calendar commitee me and they have voted on a calendar for 2018-2019. A copy was in the school board packet. Calendar “A” won with a vote of 17-16.
* Mrs. Browning and I met with Dennis Lister, American Central Insurance on Friday, April 6th. Mr. Lister presented the bids for the new health insurance which begins June 1st. We will need to approve new insurance at the school board meeting.
* In the board packet was bids for the work to be done this summer. I already have the bids for the fence and security cameras. Trotter General Contracting got the bid for $110,000 for the canopy and concrete.
* I have decided to hold off on purchasing a used vehicle to replace the white van until next year. With money coming in slow from the state I want to be proactive with our money and make sure we can meet payrolls.
* We have had 2 inquiries about the old elementary building. We need to get a set price or decide if we want to put it up for auction. Either way we need to move forward with this.
* It is graduation time. I need a volunteer to hand out diplomas at the Jr. High and High School graduations. Member Madeline Buhlig will present the diplomas at the Jr. High Promotion on May 24th and Kevin Duesterhaus will present diplomas at the High School graduation on May 25th.
* We are still waiting on approximately $231,646 from CPPRT monies. We have received $627,998 as of April.
* We are moving some money around to equal out our budget and then we will need to amend the budget in May.
* Building and Grounds committee met at 6 p.m. before the board meeting. I spoke to them about the work and repair that will go on with the front of the building. We also plan on redoing where rock is and will replace with concrete. The new playgrounds holes are now marked so we can move forward with getting it put up. I would also like to add rock to fill holes by bus barn, take guard rail from basketball goal, push dirt back onto baseball field. Mr. Walker spoke to insurance company about selling or recycling stuff left in old grade school building. Jason Morton volunteered to bring the tall swings over for the playground. Once again we need to check with insurance company on placement and enough space for swings for liability issues.

**Superintendent’s Report continued:**

* Reminder that there will be a Retirement/Appreciation Reception honoring Cindy Cooley, 2nd grade teacher. It will be held Wednesday, May 9th in the school cafeteria from 6:15 – 6:45 p.m. before the regular scheduled board meeting. We hope you all will be there to honor Cindy for her 20 years of service.

**Principal’s Report –JH/HS**:

* PARCC testing is complete – Lori Pool was in charge.
* DLT (District Leadership Team administration met on April 11th.
* JH has 14-16 out for track and HS has 17-19 out for track
* Volleyball coach (5th-6th grade team)
* Mr. Bowman has gotten JWCC Concert Band will be at the school April 12th in the afternoon to perform.
* April 21- Prom at the school – 3:30 p.m. is promenade. Prom will be in small gym and after prom in the large gym.
* May 1-6 Senior Social Class trip to Hawaii. Mr. Martin and Ms. Baulos are the sponsors with 6 students going.
* April 30 – May 7 – Skating Week at the school
* May 7th – Spring Concert at 6:30 p.m. for Elementary and 7:30 p.m. for JH/HS
* May 7-18th will be ATI post test. This will be the last year for this. We will be going to Star 360 which tests both math and reading.
* May 10th – National Honor Society – Mrs. Courier is in charge and we have 4 inductees
* May 17th – Academic Awards at 2:15 p.m. at the school
* May 24th – JH Promotion – Madeline Buhlig will present diplomas
* May 25th – HS Graduation – Kevin Duesterhaus will present diplomas
* New Finals schedule –
  + 21st –Monday – study 1,2,3,4
  + 22nd- Tuesday – Exams 1,2,3,4
  + 23rd – Wednesday – study 5,6,7,8
  + 24th – Thursday – Exams 5,6,7,8

Member Alan Taylor made the motion to go into Closed Session at 7:43 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 Jeff Browning seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Kevin Duesterhaus, yea; Brian Werries, yea; Madeline Buhlig, yea; Jeff Browning, yea; Scott Gregory, yea; Alan Taylor, yea; and Jason Morton, yea. Motion carried 7 yeas – 0 nays.

Members came out of executive session at 8:20 p.m.

Member Alan Taylor made a motion to approve annual approval of school district hazardous routes approved by IDOT. Member Madeline Buhlig seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Brian Werries, yea; Madeline Buhlig, yea; Jeff Browning, yea; Scott Gregory, yea; Alan Taylor, yea; Jason Morton, yea; and Kevin Duesterhaus, yea. Motion carried 7 yeas – 0 nays.

Member Kevin Duesterhaus made a motion to approve new IASB school district policies. Member Jeff Browning seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Madeline Buhlig, yea; Jeff Browning, yea; Scott Gregory, yea; Alan Taylor, yea; Jason Morton, yea; Kevin Duesterhaus, yea; Brian Werries, yea and Madeline Buhlig, yea. Motion carried 7 yeas – 0 nays.

Member Madeline Buhlig made a motion to approve 2018-2019 school calendar as read. Member Brian Werries seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Scott Gregory, yea; Alan Taylor, yea; Jason Morton, yea; Kevin Duesterhaus, yea; Brian Werries, yea; Madeline Buhlig, yea; and Jeff Browning, yea. Motion carried 7 yeas – 0 nays.

Member Brian Werries made a motion to approve 2018-2019 Health Insurance Carrier for District. Member Alan Taylor seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Alan Taylor, yea; Jason Morton, yea; Kevin Duesterhaus, yea; Brian Werries, yea; Madeline Buhlig, yea; Jeff Browning, yea; and Scott Gregory, yea. Motion carried 7 yeas – 0 nays.

Member Kevin Duesterhaus made a motion to approve 2018-2019 3% salary increase for non-certified employees. Member Madeline Buhlig seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Jason Morton, yea; Kevin Duesterhaus, yea; Brian Werries, yea; Madeline Buhlig, yea; Jeff Browning, yea; Scott Gregory, yea and Alan Taylor, yea. Motion carried 7 yeas – 0 nays.

Member Alan Taylor made a motion to approve hiring of all non-tenure teachers as noted. Member Kevin Duesterhaus seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Kevin Duesterhaus, yea; Brian Werries, yea; Madeline Buhlig, yea; Jeff Browning, yea; Scott Gregory, yea; Alan Taylor, yea and Jason Morton, yea. Motion carried 7 yeas – 0 nays.

Member Madeline Buhlig made a motion to approve moving $36,587.90 from Working Cash Fund to Education Fund. Member Scott Gregory seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Brian Werries, yea; Madeline Buhlig, yea; Jeff Browning, yea; Scott Gregory, yea; Alan Taylor, yea; Jason Morton, yea and Kevin Duesterhaus, yea. Motion carried 7 yeas – 0 nays.

Member Kevin Duesterhaus made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Jeff Browning seconded the motion. Motion carried via voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

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President, Jason Morton

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Secretary, Madeline Buhlig