**Minutes**

**Regular Board of Education Meeting**

**April 12, 2023**

**7:00 p.m.**

The board of education of the Meredosia-Chambersburg School District met in regular session on April 12, 2023 in the Board Room of the Meredosia-Chambersburg School. President Brian Werries called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll call was taken with the following members present: Brian Werries, Alan Taylor, Madeline Buhlig, Erica DeWitt, Jeff Browning, Jason Morton and Seth Schmitz. Also present were Principal Kirk Graham, Superintendent Thad Walker, District bookkeeper Shari Kleinlein, Christine Brant and Shirley Bilyeu.

Member Alan Taylor made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Member Seth Schmitz seconded the motion. By unanimous vote motion carried 7 yeas – 0 nays.

**Reports:**

**Superintendent/Grade School Superintendent’s Report given by Mr. Walker:**

1. We got another lighting grant from Ameren to replace all the gym lights in both gyms and they will be controlled through an app so we can have control over the lights. We also qualified for the lighting for the new building and the ceiling tile abatement and replacement of all new LED lights. I should have all the invoices at the May meeting. The gym lights will be totally free, they will just need our lift to install.
2. The 4-Rivers Pre-K program that we send 3 students to is moving from Griggsville to Pittsfield next year. Mr. Abel has brought Pre-K back so had to have the room that 4-Rivers was using.
3. We have a new 1st grade student that is full time self-contained, there has been some issues with him this week. There will be a staffing for him to attend Garrison in Jacksonville. We will need to transport, we should be able to cover this with the ISVI route. He moved in from Beardstown. Will discuss further in executive session.
4. Once we get the canvas votes in and it is official we will need to have a special board meeting to seat the elected members and fill the empty seat.
5. The old white school truck is having some issues. We have already put money into it last year to get the brake lines repaired and wheel bearings replaced. It does not run very well. I would like to sell it and purchase a newer truck with an 8 foot bed. Just want to get your thoughts.
6. We have had 1 more retirement letter turned in today, Mr. Knox has submitted his letter and we will need to vote on that at the next meeting.
7. We received another CPPRT payment of $355,800.00 today, we are on track to receive the same we received last year.

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

1. School Activites:
   1. Thursday, March 16 -NHS induction was very nice.
      1. Inducted 5 new NHS members.
   2. March 28 – NHS Blood Drive from 1:30 – 6:30PM
   3. Saturday, April 15th – School Play
   4. April 12 – High School PSAT 8/9; PSAT 10; and SAT testing was completed.
   5. Wednesday April 19 – History Fair @ 6:30pm
   6. Beginning April 24 – 3rd round of STAR testing for our 3rd set of benchmark data for the SIP
   7. Saturday, April 28 – PROM @ K’s Creek – Catered Dinner (Brass Door)
   8. Wed. May 3rd – Elementary/ JH-HS music programs. Elementary at 6:30 JH/HS at 7:30pm
   9. Wed. May 17th – Senior Dinner (and possibly awards)
      1. For Seniors and Parents, Faculty and staff, Board of Education Members
2. Commend Ms. Varner for her work with the 8th grade students at the Wild life refuge.
3. Athletics information:
   1. Mr. dean (Supt. From Triopia) is in the process of scheduling the MTV Co-op meeting between all three schools in April. I have not seen a confirmed date at this time. (Tentative Thursday, April 13th @ 6:30 – 7:00pm)
   2. April meeting discussion of the co-op recommendations and approvals
   3. May meeting will have action items for co-op approvals.
4. IESA Membership renewal for 2023-24.
5. Did Board members receive prom invitations in the mail with RSVP’s? (Put in the mail on Wednesday April 5th)
6. Thursday May 25th 8 grade graduation at 7PM

Member Seth Schmitz made the motion to go into Closed Session at 7:23 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 Jeff Browning seconded the motion. Board returned from closed session at 7:33 p.m.

Member Jason Morton made a motion to approve the Consolidated District Plan Member Jeff Browning seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Brian Werries, yea; Alan Taylor, yea; Madeline Buhlig, yea; Erica Dewitt, yea; Jeff Browning , yea; Seth Schmitz, yea; Jason Morton, yea; Motion carried 7 yeas and 0 nays.

Member Alan Taylor made a motion to approve the Press Plus Issue 111 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; Brian Werries, yea; Motion carried 7 yeas and 0 nays.

Member Seth Schmitz made a motion to Approve the IESA membership for the 2023-2024 School Year Member Erica DeWitt seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Brian Werries, yea; Madline Buhlig, yea; Jeff Browning, yea; Seth Schmitz, yea; Erica DeWitt, yea; Alan Taylor, yea; Jason Morton, yea; Motion carried 7 yeas and 0 nays.

Member Seth Schmitz made a motion to accept the resignation of teach Rhea Drake at the end of the 2022-23 School year. Member Alan Taylor 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; Brian Werries, yea; Motion carried 7 yeas and 0 nays.

Member Seth Schmitz made a motion to accept the resignation of staff member Sandy Battefeld at the end of the 2022-23 School year. Member Madeline Buhlig 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; Brian Werries, yea; Motion carried 7 yeas and 0 nays.

Member Jason Morton made a motion to Adjourn the meeting. Member Seth Schmitz seconded the motion. By unanimous vote meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm.

Next meeting to be held May 10, 2023 at 6:50pm, to seat new board members followed by the Regular meeting at 7:00pm.

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President, Brian Werries

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Secretary, Jason Morton