**Minutes**

**Regular Board of Education Meeting**

**May 10, 2023**

**7:00 p.m.**

The board of education of the Meredosia-Chambersburg School District met in regular session on May 10, 2023 in the Board Room of the Meredosia-Chambersburg School. President Brian Werries called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. Roll call was taken with the following members present: Brian Werries, Madeline Buhlig, Erica DeWitt, Jeff Browning, Seth Schmitz. Members Alan Taylor and Jason Morton were absent. Also present were Principal Kirk Graham, Superintendent Thad Walker, District bookkeeper Shari Kleinlein, Christine Brant and Shirley Bilyeu.

Member Madeline Buhlig made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Member Erica DeWitt seconded the motion. By unanimous vote motion carried 5 yeas – 0 nays.

**Reports:**

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

1. We received a CPPRT check on Monday in the amount of $577,000+ which gives us a total for the year of $2.975million. We received a letter today that this amount will go down next year by 5%.
2. The lights for the softball field will be repaired by Cors electric. The cost will be $6,303.00 and they are starting the week of May 8th.
3. The batting cage was blown over in one of the storms. We had Rob trying to repair it so it can be used.
4. The construction continues on the new building. The electrician is 90% complete, the construction for the inside should start on Monday.
5. Mr. Graham and I posted a Social Studies teacher for Jr. High, because of Mr. Stremlau and Mr. Mehaffy told us he will 99% be leaving to get into the operators union. They teach geopgraphy and social studies for the Jr. High. There will be some changes next year if we cannot find teachers qualified for those positions. Update- we have an interview today for a possible JH teacher. She is from up around Roseville. She has other interviews scheduled so we will soon find out if she wants to take the position.
6. Field Day for the elementary will be May 24th, with a talent show starting at 9:00am if we have enough interest. We will serve hamburgers and hot dogs if you would like to come by. We are also going to invite parent volunteers to help this year.
7. Teacher appreciation is the week of May 8-12. We had donuts for the teacher on Tuesday and McAllisters Deli for lunch today.
8. I have had some knee issues in the last couple of weeks so I have been trying to get in for an MRI and possible surgery, it has been tough getting this done. So I have been gone a few days the last couple of weeks for appointments.
9. I am going to set up a meeting with David Werries to get something in writing about the Community Liaison position.
10. We will need to get some board members to hand out diplomas at this meeting.
11. I will not be at the Jr. High promotion, my daughter is being promoted the same night and I am handing out diplomas.
12. I have been looking for trucks to replace the white chevy. I need a price range that you would like for me to look at. They range anywhere from $6,000 to $75,000. Do we want a ¾ ton or ½ ton? Illinois rural is bidding out a ¾ ton 4 door short bed that is an option to try for. I would like some more guidance. Do we want to take bids on the white truck it runs? What price do you want for it?
13. The IL-Empower Team will be doing some PD in Quincy in June. It is a two day event, we will work on our SIP Plan and we will decide on a Learning Partner through the IL-Empower Grant. We are looking at WIU in the area of Math. Raquel Neff went to the Western Math Conference and got some great information from them. I will bring the Coherence Map and give you a preview.
14. Shari has done a fantastic job in her position this year, I could not be more pleased with her performance.
15. The band’s concert was very well attended and they did a great job. Congratulations to Mr. Bowman and his students.
16. Need to discuss replacing the skylight in the Atrium.
17. Mr. Bowman needs new acoustic cabinets to store the instruments, his are getting in pretty bad shape.

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

1. School Activites:
   1. Saturday, April 28 – PROM @ K’s Creek -Catered Dinner (Brass Door)
      1. Very nice evening and everyone had an enjoyable time. No issues.
      2. 24 Staff, Board members and guests
      3. 22 -24 students and guests.
   2. Senior Trip (May 3 – May 6) update will be given at the Board meeting. Update – trip went very well we had no issues and everyone had a great time!
   3. Wed., May 17 – Senior dinner and Awards
      1. For Seniors and parents, faculty and staff, board of Education members. So far we have 65 that have RSVP’d.
2. All State is completed for the school year.
   1. Local STAR testing is still completing make-ups.
3. Athletics information:
   1. IHSA membership renewal will need to be signed by either Brian (president) or Jason (Secretary)
   2. Co-op renewals with Triopia and Virginia.
   3. Co-op renewal approvals with Griggsville-Perry for 2023-25
      1. HS Volleyball
      2. HS Boys and Girls track
   4. New Co-op approval for JH Volleyball with Griggsville/Perry for 2023-25
   5. All renewals will be listed and attached separately.
4. 8th grade promotion certificates and HS diplomas will need to be signed.
5. Board members who will hand out 8th grade certificates on May 25 and HS diplomas on May 26?

Member Seth Schmitz made the motion to go into Closed Session at 8:06 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 Jeff Browning made the motion to return from closed session and Member Seth Schmitz seconded the motion. Board returned from closed session at 8:15 p.m.

Member Seth Schmitz made a motion to appoint Alan Taylor to the vacant 2 year position. Member Jeff Browning seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Brian Werries, yea; Madeline Buhlig, yea; Erica Dewitt, yea; Jeff Browning , yea; Seth Schmitz, yea; Motion carried 5 yeas and 0 nays.

Member Erica DeWitt made a motion to accept the resignation of 5th grade teacher Rubi Hoots Member Madeline Buhlig seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Madeline Buhlig, yea; Erica DeWitt, yea; Jeff Browning, yea; Seth Schmitz, yea; Brian Werries, yea; Motion carried 5 yeas and 0 nays.

Member Seth Schmitz made a motion to accept the resignation of teacher Cary Knox. Member Jeff Browning seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Brian Werries, yea; Madline Buhlig, yea; Jeff Browning, yea; Seth Schmitz, yea; Erica DeWitt, yea; Motion carried 5 yeas and 0 nays.

Member Jeff Browning made a motion to approve the 2 year Sports Co-op Agreement between Triopia, Virginia, Meredosia as well as the 2 year agreement with Griggsville/Perry. Member Seth Schmitz seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Madeline Buhlig, yea; Jeff Browning, yea; Seth Schmitz, yea; Erica DeWitt, yea; Brian Werries, yea; Motion carried 5 yeas and 0 nays.

Member Erica DeWitt made a motion to Approve Jill Kilver as Senior Class sponsor to replace Cary Knox. Member Madeline Buhlig seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Madeline Buhlig, yea; Jeff Browning, yea; Seth Schmitz, yea; Erica DeWitt, yea; Brian Werries, yea; Motion carried 5 yeas and 0 nays.

Member Seth Schmitz made a motion to approve the bid to replace the skylight in the Atrium. Erica DeWitt seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Madeline Buhlig, yea; Jeff Browning, yea; Seth Schmitz, yea; Erica DeWitt, yea; Brian Werries, yea; Motion carried 5 yeas and 0 nays.

Member Madeline Buhlig made a motion to approve the bid to replace the acoustic cabinets in the band room. Member Jeff Browning seconded the motion. All approved and the motion carried 5 yeas and 0 nays.

Member Seth Schmitz made the motion to accept the resignation of Teacher Jason Mehaffy. Member Erica DeWitt seconded the motion. All approved and the motion carried 5 yeas and 0 nays.

Member Seth Schmitz made a motion to Adjourn the meeting. Member Jeff Browning seconded the motion. By unanimous vote meeting was adjourned at 8:23pm.

Next Regular meeting to be held June 14, 2023 at 7:00pm.

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President, Brian Werries

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Secretary, Erica DeWitt