

Minutes
Regular Board of Education Meeting
March 11, 2020
7 p.m.

The board of education of the Meredosia-Chambersburg School District met in regular session March 11, 2020 in the boardroom of the Meredosia-Chambersburg School. Brian Werries called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll call was taken with the following members present: Brian Werries, Madeline Buhlig, Jeff Browning, Scott Gregory and Alan Taylor. Member Jason Morton arrived at 7:03 p.m. and Member Kevin Duesterhaus was absent. Also present were Superintendent Thad Walker, JH Principal Jeff Abell, Carolyn Browning, district bookkeeper, Christine Brant, Shirley Bilyeu.

Member Alan Taylor made a motion to approve the consent agenda after a question. Member Jeff Browning seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Brian Werries, yea; Madeline Buhlig, yea; Jeff Browning, yea; Scott Gregory, yea and Alan Taylor, yea. Motion carried 5 yeas – 0 nays.

There were no public Comments.

Reports:

Superintendent's Report:

- I applied for a grant for free internet for next year and we qualified. That will be a savings of around \$980 a month.
- We are looking into applying for a grant that would allow us to have dual credit classes or advanced placement classes. The grant would include Waverly, Franklin, Pleasant Hill and Meredosia-Chambersburg. I will have more information at the meeting.
- There is legislation that wants to eliminate the Native American names from schools. I will keep you informed where this is going. I have included the report that I received.
- Rob is getting a bid for some concrete work for some steps to go down the hill to the playground. We should have the bid next Monday.
- We will be having a reading day in April. Hopefully the weather will be nice so we can incorporate some type of outdoor activity for the students.
- We have used 6 snow days this year. I will apply for an Act of God day for the 6th one.
- We have completed all of our emergency drills for the year.
- Mr. Walker gave an update on coronavirus. ISBE and CDC want us to finish a survey about e-learning days. We don't have enough access for kids to take home laptops and a lot would not have internet capabilities. They want to know if we could sustain education for 14 days. Kids could take home packets to engage but not take grades on.
- We are doing a lot of cleaning in classrooms, bathrooms, doorknobs, buses etc. Being very pro-active. No recycling of food. We are sending home health packets for parents as well and posting on school website. We will continue to keep the school board updated on any changes.

JH/HS Principal's Report:

- Our IL Employer Team met for a full day on February 20th to complete the Team's portion of our Needs Assessment as we prepare to start creating our school improvement plan. We met with our Learning partners from ROE on March 4th to go over the assessment and prepare for our meeting with the full staff on March 11th. We had a meeting with staff Wednesday, March 11th and explained what we are doing and had the staff do a survey to give us feedback.
- On February 22nd Mr. Bowman took some of our Jr. High students to compete in district of the Illinois Grade School Music Association. Several students received first and second place awards. High School recently complete in IHSA and they did really well also.

JH/HS Principal's Report continued:

- March 2nd the Culver Stockton Wind Ensemble and Jazz Band played for our entire student body for an hour.
- March 5th Juniors and Seniors attended a career fair at Illinois College and found it very beneficial.
- March 6th marked the end of the 3rd quarter. Report cards will be sent home the following week.
- We are up to 209 followers on Instagram.
- Upcoming dates:
 - March 16th – 20th IAR Testing – need student growth!
 - March 26th – Jr./Sr. High Students and staff will be traveling to Bluffs to listen to a guest speaker David McCreary.
 - March 29th – High School Drama Class will host the school play
 - April 14th – SAT for Juniors and the PSAT for the Freshman/Sophomores. The 7th and 8th graders will be taking a field trip. The Seniors will be off campus for class pictures, lunch and an activity.

Member Scott Gregory made the motion to go into Closed Session at 7:21 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 Brian Werries seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Brian Werries, yea; Madeline Buhlig, yea; Jeff Browning, yea; Scott Gregory, yea; Alan Taylor, yea; and Jason Morton, yea. Motion carried 6 yeas – 0 nays. Member Alan Taylor made the motion to return from closed session and Member Jeff Browning seconded the motion. Board returned from closed session at 7:23 p.m.

Member Brian Werries made a motion to approve renewal of membership in the IHSA for 2020-2021 year. Member Scott Gregory seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Madeline Buhlig, yea; Jeff Browning, yea; Scott Gregory, yea; Alan Taylor, yea; Jason Morton, yea and Brian Werries, yea. Motion carried 6 yeas – 0 nays.

Member Brian Werries made a motion to approve JH Boys Basketall co-op agreement with Triopia for IESA. Member Jeff Browning seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Jeff Browning, yea; Scott Gregory, yea; Alan Taylor, yea; Jason Morton, yea; Brian Werries, yea and Madeline Buhlig, yea. Motion carried 6 yeas – 0 nays.

Member Brian Werries made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Madeline Buhlig seconded the motion. By unanimous vote meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

President, Jason Morton

Secretary, Madeline Buhlig