

**Minutes**  
**Regular Board of Education Meeting**  
**May 13, 2020**  
**7 p.m.**

The board of education of the Meredosia-Chambersburg School District met in regular session May 5, 2020 in the boardroom of the Meredosia-Chambersburg School. President Jason Morton called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll call was taken with the following members present: Jason Morton, Kevin Duesterhaus, Madeline Buhlig, Jeff Browning, Scott Gregory and Alan Taylor. Member Brian Werries was absent. Also present were Superintendent Thad Walker, JH Principal Jeff Abell, Carolyn Browning, district bookkeeper, Christine Brant, Shirley Bilyeu.

Member Madeline Buhlig made a motion to approve the March and April consent agendas. Member Scott Gregory seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Jason Morton, yea; Kevin Duesterhaus, yea; Madeline Buhlig, yea; Jeff Browning, yea; Scott Gregory, yea and Alan Taylor, yea. Motion carried 6 yeas – 0 nays.

There were no public Comments.

**Reports:**

**Superintendent's Report:**

- Monica Martin, School Nurse is resigning. She took a job at Jacksonville Middle School.
- I would like to hire a health care aid and have them do our online speech program as well.
- The teachers have agreed for a pay freeze and a 1 year contract for next year.
- Mr. Abell and I would like to put in Social Class guidelines for the Social class trip.
- The Senior Social Class trip will be fully refunded.
- We need to approve our plans for the \$50,000 TIF Money that the Village will be giving us. We plan on using the funds for the Jr./Sr. High Media center where the Art room used to be. Our plans are putting in AC Unit for the third floor, new carpeting in the media center, painting, promethean board and ordering 1000 books through Bound to Stay Bound Book Bindery and 25 chromebooks.
- Lunch pick up and the packet distribution is going well. We have been averaging around 150 lunches every Tuesday.
- We received a CPPRT check for \$202,000 on April 13 and \$129,162 on May 11<sup>th</sup>. That puts us at a total of \$946,206 for the fiscal year.
- I have a bid for the steps going down to the playground. We received 1 bid of \$16,300.
- We have interviewed and offered the HS special education job to Carol Howard.
- I would like to give a shout out to DOT Foods – they filled our minivan full with food and we received a check for \$500 donation to help feed our students.
- We are in line to receive Stimulus money – CARESACT if the governor ever releases it.
- ROE#1 – still no guidance on making a school calendar for next year. There is talk of 3 different start of school openings – a normal opening, late opening and opening with staggered school times.

**JH/HS Principal's Report:**

- Graduation will be held on May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7 p.m. We will be following the state's social distancing guidelines. There will be a brief ceremony followed by a graduation parade around town.
- We have ordered senior yard signs that will be displayed on the front lawn of the school until graduation at which time the signs will be displayed on each graduate's table.
- The staff has been working diligently on our distance learning packets. We have made numerous calls, emails, school messenger announcements, Facebook posts, Instagram messages and signs posted at packet and lunch pick up; all communicating our expectation for students concerning distance learning.
- Many of our students are doing a fantastic job with the distance learning packets. We have had some that have needed a little nudge to get their work turned in and a couple that still have not participated much at all.

**JH/HS Principal's Report continued:**

- I would like to thank the kitchen staff as well as Carolyn and Rob for working hard every week to put together our breakfast and lunch bags.
- We are never short on staff members willing to volunteer on Tuesdays to hand out lunches and collect handout distance learning packets. It has truly been a team effort.
- Our library/media center team has met twice in the last 2 weeks to begin the process of putting together list of books and resources. TIF money will be used to purchase this.
- Our IL-Empower Team has continued to meet weekly throughout the school closure.
- We are up to 225 followers on Instagram, compared to 209 in March.

Member Madeline Buhlig made the motion to go into Closed Session at 7:47 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; Madeline Buhlig, yea; Jeff Browning, yea; Scott Gregory, yea; Alan Taylor, yea; and Jason Morton, yea. Motion carried 6 yeas – 0 nays. Member Kevin Duesterhaus made the motion to return from closed session and Member Alan Taylor seconded the motion. Board returned from closed session at 8:29 p.m.

Member Kevin Duesterhaus made a motion to accept resignation of Monica Martin, School Nurse. Member Jeff Browning seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Jason Morton, yea; Kevin Duesterhaus, yea; Madeline Buhlig, yea; Jeff Browning, yea; Scott Gregory, yea and Alan Taylor, yea. Motion carried 6 yeas – 0 nays.

Member Alan Taylor made a motion to approve hiring of health care aide/speech aide. Member Kevin Duesterhaus seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Kevin Duesterhaus, yea; Madeline Buhlig, yea; Jeff Browning, yea; Scott Gregory, yea; Alan Taylor, yea and Jason Morton, yea. Motion carried 6 yeas – 0 nays.

Member Madeline Buhlig made a motion to approve new 1 year teachers Master Contract. 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 Kevin Duesterhaus, yea. Motion carried 6 yeas – 0 nays.

Member Alan Taylor made a motion to approve 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Press Plus. Member Scott Gregory seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Jeff Browning, yea; Scott Gregory, yea; Alan Taylor, yea; Jason Morton, yea; Kevin Duesterhaus, yea and Madeline Buhlig, yea. Motion carried 6 yeas – 0 nays.

Member Madeline Buhlig made a motion to approve TIF agreement. Member Kevin Duesterhaus seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Scott Gregory, yea; Alan Taylor, yea; Jason Morton, yea; Kevin Duesterhaus, yea; Madeline Buhlig, yea and Jeff Browning, yea. Motion carried 6 yeas – 0 nays.

Member Scott Gregory made a motion to approve hiring of HS Special Ed. Teacher. Member Kevin Duesterhaus seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Alan Taylor, yea; Jason Morton, yea; Kevin Duesterhaus, yea; Madeline Buhlig, yea; Jeff Browning, yea and Scott Gregory, yea. Motion carried 6 yeas – 0 nays.

Member Kevin Duesterhaus made a motion to approve new 2020-2021 Blue Cross Blue Shield School Health Insurance. Member Jeff Browning seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Jason Morton, yea; Kevin Duesterhaus, yea; Madeline Buhlig, yea; Jeff Browning, yea; Scott Gregory, yea and Alan Taylor, yea. Motion carried 6 yeas – 0 nays.

Member Madeline Buhlig made a motion to approve 2020 Senior Scholarship. Member Alan Taylor seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Kevin Duesterhaus, yea; Madeline Buhlig, yea; Jeff Browning, yea; Scott Gregory, yea; Alan Taylor, yea and Jason Morton, yea. Motion carried 6 yeas – 0 nays.

Member Kevin Duesterhaus made a motion to accept bid for installation of cement steps to outdoor playground area using 1% Sales tax money. 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 and Kevin Duesterhaus, yea. Motion carried 6 yeas – 0 nays.

Member Alan Taylor made a motion to accept bid for 3<sup>rd</sup> floor air conditioning unit using TIF money. Member Madeline Buhlig seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Jeff Browning, yea; Scott Gregory, yea; Alan Taylor, yea; Jason Morton, yea; Kevin Duesterhaus, yea and Madeline Buhlig, yea. Motion carried 6 yeas – 0 nays.

Member Scott Gregory made a motion to accept bid for carpeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade rooms using TIF money. Member Kevin Duesterhaus seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Scott Gregory, yea; Alan Taylor, yea; Jason Morton, yea; Kevin Duesterhaus, yea; Madeline Buhlig, yea and Jeff Browning, yea. Motion carried 6 yeas – 0 nays.

Action Item 7.2 – hiring HS volleyball head coach – tabled.

Action Item 7.3 – hiring JH Girls softball head coach – tabled.

Action Item 7.4 – hiring JH Girls basketball head coach – tabled.

Member Jeff Browning made a motion to approve 1<sup>st</sup> reading of JH/HS student handbook. Member Alan Taylor seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Alan Taylor, yea; Jason Morton, yea; Kevin Duesterhaus, yea; Madeline Buhlig, yea; Jeff Browning, yea and Scott Gregory, yea. Motion carried 6 yeas – 0 nays.

Member Kevin Duesterhaus made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Madeline Buhlig seconded the motion. By unanimous vote meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

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President, Jason Morton

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Secretary, Madeline Buhlig