

Minutes
Regular Board of Education Meeting
December 8, 2021
7 p.m.

The board of education of the Meredosia-Chambersburg School District met in regular session December 8, 2021 in the board room of the Meredosia-Chambersburg School. Vice President Alan Taylor called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll call was taken with the following members present: Brian Werries, Jason Morton, Madeline Buhlig, Jeff Browning and Scott Gregory. Members Alan Taylor and Kevin Duesterhaus were absent. Also present were Superintendent Thad Walker, Jr./Sr. High Principal Jeff Abell, Carolyn Browning, district bookkeeper, Christine Brant, Shirley Bilyeu.

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

Reports:

Superintendent/Grade School Principal's Report:

- The new cafeteria tables finally arrived on Tuesday, November 30th. These have been ordered since July. They really look great.
- I interviewed 3 candidates for the cook position. I will explain more in Executive session.
- If anyone is interested in the old cafeteria tables they are sitting behind the school. Otherwise we will take and scrap them. I am going to try and sell the newer Pre-K tables to one of the surrounding school districts.
- One of the weight room pieces came in and the students and some of the staff are very excited about it. I am going to get more weights for the leg sled with the boards approval.
- We met with Ameresco this week and waiting for them to get us more information before I present it to you.
- Down in the grade school special ed room there is a problem with the steam pipe. It appears to have busted. We are looking into the insurance and getting that fixed.
- For the Teachers Institute on Monday, January 3rd we have 2 speakers coming in to talk about learning loss with students during COVID and 1 speaker on emotional support for adults.

JH/HS Principal's Report:

- The midterm for the second quarter was November 12th and grades were sent home on November 17th.
- I attended the Triple I Conference in Chicago November 18-20th. Attended some good sessions.
- Winter music program and JH/HS concert was Tuesday, December 7th. It went well. The elementary program was at 6:30 p.m. and JH/HS concert was at 7:30 p.m.
- We have decided not to have final exams because of so many students missing and instead have a review and catch up on these dates that were planned.
- Winter break will be Thursday, December 23rd through Sunday, January 2nd. Teachers Institute will be Monday, January 3rd and students will return on Tuesday, January 4th, 2022.
- Our Instagram followers are up to 280.

Member Jason Morton made the motion to go into Closed Session at 7:14 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. Unanimous vote 5-0. Member Jason Morton made the motion to return from closed session and Member Scott Gregory seconded the motion. Board returned from closed session at 7:34 p.m.

Member Jeff Browning made a motion to approve hiring Darla Dougherty as new cook. Member Scott Gregory seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Brian Werries, yea; Jason Morton, yea; Madeline Buhlig, yea; Jeff Browning yea; and Scott Gregory, yea; Motion carried 5 yeas and 0 nays.

Member Scott Gregory made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Jeff Browning seconded the motion. By unanimous vote meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

President, Brian Werries

Secretary, Jason Morton