

Minutes
Regular Board of Education Meeting
February 9, 2022
7 p.m.

The board of education of the Meredosia-Chambersburg School District met in regular session February 9, 2022 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: Alan Taylor, Jason Morton, Madeline Buhlig, Jeff Browning and Kevin Duesterhaus. Members Brian Werries and Scott Gregory were absent. Also present were Superintendent Thad Walker, Jr./Sr. High Principal Jeff Abell – via Zoom call, District bookkeeper Carolyn Browning; Christine Brant, Shirley Bilyeu.

Member Kevin Duesterhaus made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Member Jason Morton seconded the motion. By unanimous vote motion carried 5 yeas – 0 nays.

Reports:

Superintendent/Grade School Principal's Report:

- We had our bid opening for the asbestos abatement on Friday afternoon at 1 p.m. DEM Services was awarded the bid at \$70,000 for the 2nd Phase and we also bid the 3rd phase at the same time to save money and get on the books for the summer of 2023. That bid came in at \$40,000. The next steps will be to get the ceiling bid process going. I will start on that next week.
- We used three snow days last week. I have added a sheet so you can see how we will make up the days.
- With the new TRO coming out last Friday we are doing mask optional for at least 14 days. There has been an appeal so we will need to wait and see how that turns out.
- I would like to set up interviews for the district bookkeeper position and JH/HS secretary position for next week and then have a special board meeting to hire. I have 3 candidates for fiscal and several for JH/HS secretary. I was wanting the personnel committee to sit in on the interviews.
- There was a truck fire in the driveway of the American Legion on Friday night. I checked the security cameras and we do have footage from beginning to end. I contacted Mayor David Werries and informed him. I am having Matthew Martin come down Friday to make a copy of the event for the police department if they want it.
- We have a student teacher in the 1st grade Allyson Huffman. She is from Jacksonville and a student from Illinois College. We will also have more students coming in to get their student teaching hours from Illinois College.
- At this time Mr. Sievers is still planning on having a school play this spring.

JH/HS Principal's Report:

- Mr. Abell went over our new Jr. High grading policy that started on January 31st. Notes were sent home with students and a school messenger was sent out informing parents/guardians that the policy could be found on the school website and Facebook page.
- Our DLT Team continues to meet monthly. Currently we are working on our School Improvement Plan goals and we have started organizing our summer school schedule.
- 3rd Quarter Miderms was February 4, 2022 and report cards will be sent home Friday, February 11th.
- There is no school on February 21st President's Day
- There is no school on March 7th Casimir Pulaski Day
- End of 3rd Quarter will be Friday, March 11, 2022 and report cards will be sent home on Thursday, March 17
- Our Instagram followers are up to 289

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 Jeff Browning made the motion to return from closed session and Member Madeline Buhlig seconded the motion. Board returned from closed session at 7:32 p.m.

Member Jason Morton made a motion to accept Jeannie Battfeld, JH/HS Secretary intent to retire at end of school year. Member Madeline Buhlig seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Alan Taylor, yea; Jason Morton, yea; Madeline Buhlig, yea; Jeff Browning yea and Kevin Duesterhaus, yea. Motion carried 5 yeas and 0 nays.

Member Madeline Buhlig made a motion to accept Kim Vannier, school health aide intent to retire at end of school year. Member Kevin Duesterhaus seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Jason Morton, yea; Madeline Buhlig, yea; Jeff Browning yea; Kevin Duesterhaus, yea and Alan Taylor, yea. Motion carried 5 yeas and 0 nays.

Member Jason Morton made a motion to approve the hiring of a new custodian/bus driver. Member Jeff Browning seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Madeline Buhlig, yea; Jeff Browning yea; Kevin Duesterhaus, yea; Alan Taylor, yea and Jason Morton, yea. Motion carried 5 yeas and 0 nays.

Member Kevin Duesterhaus made a motion to approve DEM Services for asbestos abatement in summer 2022 at \$70,000 and summer of 2023 at \$40,000. Member Jeff Browning seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Jeff Browning yea; Kevin Duesterhaus, yea; Alan Taylor, yea; Jason Morton, yea and Madeline Buhlig, yea. Motion carried 5 yeas and 0 nays.

Member Jason Morton made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Kevin Duesterhaus seconded the motion. By unanimous vote meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

President, Brian Werries

Secretary, Jason Morton