

MERIDIAN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 505
MINUTES OF SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
March 19, 2003

Chair Mary Mattison called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Board members present were Judy Boxx, Charlie Crabtree, Rob Olson and Mary Mattison.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Meridian Middle School 6th grade students Tiffany Taubenheim, Rachel Goodwin, Katie Wasel, Alexis Torgeson and Korie Judge led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPT AGENDA

A motion to adopt the agenda was made by Rob Olson and seconded by Judy Boxx. Motion passed.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION – Classified Employees Appreciation

Superintendent Dickerson stated that he wanted to take this opportunity to show his appreciation to the classified employees for the valuable contribution that they provide to the Meridian School District. He read a proclamation from Governor Gary Locke designating March 10 through March 14, 2003 as Classified Employees Week. Mr. Dickerson said there are nearly 50,000 classified school employees in the state who are involved in nearly every aspect of education. He introduced classified employees attending the meeting and announced he would like to take a short break in the meeting for everyone to join in the special observance and have refreshments.

RECESS

The board recessed from 7:10 to 7:27 pm.

PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing was held for the purpose of a budget extension for the Capital Projects Fund and the Associated Student Body Fund. Mr. Dickerson explained the need to adjust the overall spending authority in both funds.

BUDGET EXTENSION

Rob Olson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 3-03, extending the budget for the Capital Projects Fund and the Associated Student Body Fund. Charlie Crabtree seconded the motion and the motion passed.

CONSENT AGENDA

The following items on the consent agenda were approved on a motion by Charlie Crabtree and seconded by Judy Boxx.

- A. Minutes for February 19, 2003
- B. Accounts Payable/Payroll
- C. Budget Status Reports
- D. WIAA Resolution No. 4-03

REPORTS

Principal's Report

High school principal Bill Giller reported that the Meridian FFA and Laurel Grange sponsored a Chili Chowder Feed, which raised \$500 toward the FFA barn that is in the planning stages. He said the

WASL testing schedule has been reduced from 13 to 8 days and that the Site Council held their first meeting on March 13th. He gave information on the School Improvement Teams and said the Community Team will survey staff to find ways to use volunteers in the school. Mr. Giller said the School Climate Team has invited speaker Martin Fleming on April 30 to address harassment, bullying and intimidation to the staff. He also reported on student scheduling for next year, and upcoming parent-teacher conferences. **Middle school principal Jerry Sanderson** introduced 8th grade teacher Nancy Slentz who gave a power point presentation on Differentiation in grades 6 through 8. Mr. Sanderson said he is very pleased that the staff at the middle school is so willing to help each other and share knowledge with one another. He reported on the valuable work conducted by academic support teacher Kim Fast, the Study Buddy Program and the Site Council. Mr. Sanderson said that plans are underway to weave WASL preparation into the daily lessons throughout the school year.

Ten Mile Creek Elementary principal Randy Flowers said the School Improvement Team is currently receiving training at the NWESD to help assess readiness and decision-making. He said a retreat is planned for all school staff on March 21. The School Improvement Team will lead the staff through the process that they have learned at the ESD and also introduce the school improvement planning process. Mr. Flowers said the Site Based Management Team has been identified and the first meeting will be scheduled soon. The volunteer coordinator position has been posted and Mr. Flowers said he is looking forward to filling the position.

Lynne Jermunson, Irene Reither Primary School Principal, reported that Artist in Residence Maggie Murphy had organized a Chinese New Year parade, complete with a dragon and drums. She said this was a cultural experience for the entire school. She reported on the Penny Drive for Red Cross, the 100 Teddy Bears collected for the Teddy Bear Patrol and the upcoming Volunteer Luncheon scheduled for April 28. Mrs. Jermunson said the Report Card Committee had met to discuss format changes and standardizing the rubrics. She reported that there is a proposed change in the kindergarten schedule for next year. There is a discrepancy in hours due primarily to holidays, early release days and the length of the school year. The proposal is to have two full days and one half day each week for each kindergarten class. Mrs. Jermunson said every effort would be made to communicate the change with parents.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

RECESS

The board recessed at 8:30 p.m. and returned to regular session at 8:34 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Second Reading and Adoption – Board Procedure No. 3241

There was second reading of Board Procedure No. 3241—Classroom Management, Corrective Actions or Punishment. Charlie Crabtree made a motion to approve Board Procedure No. 3241 and Judy Boxx seconded the motion. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

A. First Reading – Policy No. 6020 Funds/Accounts

There was first reading of Board Policy and Procedure No. 6020—System of Funds and Accounts. Superintendent Dickerson explained that the procedures would be valuable because it outlines specific guidelines and parameters of fund management.

B. Consider Sale of Real Property

Superintendent Dickerson reported there has been prior discussion on the possible sale of 36 acres owned by the district that is located on the corner of Smith and Hannegan roads. He said a public

hearing would need to be held in order to begin the process of selling the property. Mr. Dickerson said a public hearing would also be helpful to get input from the community. Community member Don Jorgensen said he had heard that there are plans to change the zoning on the south side of the Smith Road, which would impact the value of the property. Judy Boxx said she would check on the rezone information. It was suggested having a map with the property outlined available at the public hearing, and to also have a market analysis or best estimate of the value of the property available.

C. *Personnel Report*

The personnel report was approved on a motion by Charlie Crabtree and seconded by Rob Olson. (Copy attached)

D. *School Calendar for 2003-2004*

Mr. Dickerson said the Calendar Committee has met and a draft calendar for 2003-2004 has been prepared. He said the committee would work with the Parent Teacher Conference Committee for scheduling the Parent Teacher Conferences. Mr. Dickerson said a recommendation has been made to consider changing the spring conferences to March instead of April, and that the calendar should be ready for approval at the April board meeting.

Board Signature of Official Documents

Executive Session

The board went into executive session at 9:00 p.m. to review employee contract negotiations and returned to regular session at 9:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Mary Mattison adjourned the meeting at 9:15 p.m.

Mary Mattison, Chair of the Board

Burton Dickerson, Superintendent
And Secretary to the Board