

MERIDIAN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 505
MINUTES OF SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
May 21, 2003

Chair Mary Mattison called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Board members present were Sheri Folsom, Mary Mattison, Rob Olson and Judy Boxx.

Several Math Olympiad team members from Ten Mile Creek Elementary and Meridian Middle School were present to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPT AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. Minutes for April 16, 2003 and April 21, 2003
- B. Accounts Payable/Payroll
- C. Budget Status Reports

REPORTS

A. Special Recognition

Superintendent Dickerson gave special recognition to Ten Mile Creek Elementary and Meridian Middle School Math Olympiad Teams. He said teams had excellent results and positive outcomes from the program this year. Principal Randy Flowers said all students were invited to participate in the after-school program. He introduced Math Olympiad coaches from TMCE Matt Nelsen and Carl Nyblade. Matt Nelsen presented certificates to the students who were present and gave an explanation of the math competition and the scoring. Dr. Nyblade thanked the school board and administration for their continued support of Math Olympiad. Principal Jerry Sanderson said Ron Zegers was unable to attend the meeting and introduced Krister Fast, who helped coach the 7th and 8th grade teams. Mr. Fast introduced the students and presented them with their certificates. He said the students had fun with the competition and gave acknowledgement and praise to the staff, students and parents for the success of the program.

B. Superintendent's Report

Mr. Dickerson gave an update on the district enrollment. He said that, because of an increase in the May enrollment, the year ended on a high note with 1470 FTE.

Superintendent Dickerson reported on progress toward the Strategic Plan Goals developed last school year. He plans to give an update every three months, and said it is very important to make steady progress toward each goal. He outlined the progress to date in each of the five main goals: Academic, Community, Facilities, Administrative and Staff, and said he has plans to bring the Strategic Planning Committee together again in the fall to review the goals. (See attached report)

Mary Mattison stated that she had recently attended the Western Washington University Woodring College of Education awards banquet on Burton Dickerson's behalf. She presented Mr. Dickerson his plaque and the many letters that supported his nomination for the Professional Excellence in Education Award. Mr. Dickerson thanked Mary for attending the awards ceremony in his absence, and said he is honored to have received the award and feels privileged to work for Meridian School District.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment

RECESS

The board recessed at 7:35 p.m. and returned to regular session at 7:41 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Second Reading and Adoption – Policy Revisions 3241/5202

There was second reading and adoption of revisions to policy number 3241 – Corrective Actions or Punishment and number 5202 – Drug and Alcohol Testing. Rob Olson made a motion to approve the policy revisions and Judy Boxx seconded the motion. Motion passed.

B. Budget Planning Update – Insurance

Superintendent Dickerson said that the legislature has not finalized the state budget, but that the district office was moving ahead with the preliminary budget work. He said information he had received from Superintendent of Public Instruction, Dr. Terry Bergeson, was that although there will be reductions, the outcome may not be as dire as predicted. He said that there is hope the budget work will come into focus sometime next week.

Mr. Dickerson reported that he had received information from the district's liability and property insurance carrier that premiums will increase dramatically next year by approximately 62%. He said the insurance carrier states there are two factors in this dramatic increase, one is due to property losses from the September 11, 2001 tragedy and the other reason is the downturn of the economy since September 11. Mr. Dickerson said he has been investigating other options and has requested quotes from the insurance pool in Eastern Washington. Mr. Dickerson said the district is committed to giving notice three years prior to leaving the pool. He did say that the school district receives good service from the insurance pool and that the pool is responsive to needs.

C. Shop Ventilation/Sawdust Collection Systems

Mr. Dickerson reported on the needed improvements to the ventilation system in the Career and Technical shop buildings. He said the new ventilation system in both the metal and wood shop buildings, including the sawdust collection system, would cost approximately \$40,000. He said funds are available in the current budget and he would like to move ahead and schedule the work during the summer months. He said a little more work needs to be done, but he should soon have an exact figure of what the total cost will be. Rob Olson moved that the board approve the new ventilation and sawdust collection systems with the rough budget outlined. Judy Boxx seconded the motion and the motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Curriculum Adoption

Bruce Burpee reported that the Instructional Materials Committee had recently met and approved materials requests for K-12 Social Studies, grades 6-8 Reading, and AP Calculus. He said the budget for the Social Studies curriculum was higher than anticipated, and that he

and the superintendent would be working together on the budget. Discussion followed. Rob Olson made a motion to approve the K-12 Social Studies, 6-8 Reading, and AP Calculus curriculum. Judy Boxx seconded the motion and the motion passed.

B. *Personnel Report (including certificated contracts for 2003-2004)*

The personnel report was approved on a motion by Judy Boxx and seconded by Rob Olson. (see attached lists)

C. *First Reading – Revision for Policy 3413*

There was first reading of revision to policy number 3413 – Student Immunization and Life Threatening Health Conditions.

D. *Site Council Plan – TMCE*

The Site Council Plan for Ten Mile Creek Elementary was presented for approval. Mr. Flowers said he enjoyed working with the Site Council and said the parents involved had good input. Sheri Folsom made a motion to approve TMCE Site Council Plan and Judy Boxx seconded the motion. Motion passed.

BOARD SIGNATURE OF OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS

BOARD MEMBER RESIGNATION

A motion to accept the resignation from Sheri Folsom was made by Rob Olson and seconded by Judy Boxx. Motion passed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION –Evaluation of Superintendent/Negotiations

The board went into executive session at 8:40 p.m. for the purpose of superintendent evaluation and negotiations. The board 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