

MERIDIAN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 505
MINUTES OF SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
May 19, 2004

Chair Judy Boxx called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Board members present were Judy Boxx, Charlie Crabtree, Brian Evans and Bryan Vander Yacht.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Irene Reither Primary School first grade students Sara Dougan, Gabriela Stuart, Robert Pratt, Tanna Benson and Mark Saleeb led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPT AGENDA

Charlie Crabtree made a motion to adopt the agenda and Brian Evans seconded the motion. The motion passed.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. Minutes for April 21, 2004
- B. Accounts Payable/Payroll
- C. Budget Status Reports
- D. Resolution No. 8-04 Canceling Outstanding Warrants

REPORTS

A. *Superintendent's Report*

Superintendent Dickerson introduced newly hired Meridian High School Principal Dave Shockley, and Director of Special Programs Steve Dahl. Mr. Shockley and Mr. Dahl were welcomed to their new administrative positions in the district.

Mr. Dickerson gave special recognition to Western Washington University Human Services interns. The student interns work in the Readiness to Learn Program helping to support a positive school climate by mentoring students during recess and after school programs. He said they have a big part in helping the school district move ahead in a positive manner. Readiness to Learn Coordinator, Jeannie Fitzsimmons, introduced Kelly Hanson-Good, Tricia Wass, Anya Dale, and Laura Slough. She said the interns will graduate from WWU in June and thanked them for their contribution to the district. Mrs. Fitzsimmons said they have completed a total of 4093 hours of internship over the past 18 months. Each of the interns gave a brief testimony of their most memorable experiences.

Mr. Dickerson said he wished to express his appreciation to the community, staff and school board members for their wholehearted support and participation in helping to pass the levy. He said the levy dollars are vital to the school operation.

The Strategic Plan was reviewed. Superintendent Dickerson said that progress toward *Academic Goals* includes expanding enrichment activities in the 2004 summer school, and that staff will focus on Grade Level Expectations for Reading. In the area of *Community Goals* Mr. Dickerson said the community involvement was evident by the two levy campaigns, and that the I-728 Plan will be reviewed on June 2, 2004. Progress toward *Facilities Goals* includes a grant award in the

amount of \$18,000 to help develop long-range facility plans, and a \$20,000 grant to help support new key/lock hardware for the high school campus. In the area of *Administrative Goals*, a Grants Advisory Committee has been formed to develop grant proposals and procedures. Mr. Dickerson said it is important to have a systematic approach to submitting grants and that the requests should be aligned with the district mission and goals. Charlie Crabtree said it is important to carefully account for grant funds so there will be no audit findings. The four-year levy, approved by voters April 27, 2004, will maintain ongoing district programs and services. In the area of *Staff Goals*, Mr. Dickerson said the ALCOA Grant is directed to support staff development and activities.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

RECESS

The board recessed at 7:26 p.m. and returned to regular session at 7:34 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Fourth Reading and Adoption – Revision

Policy/Procedure 2410 Graduation Requirements

There was fourth reading and lengthy discussion of Policy/Procedure Number 2410 – Graduation Requirements. Superintendent Dickerson stated that the .5 credit Washington State History and Government credit will be earned at the 7th grade level and will be a graduation requirement. Bruce Burpee said social studies teachers from the middle school and high school met to review grade level expectations. He said he was very pleased with the process and that the competencies are the same regardless of when the class is taken. He also noted that the grading systems are the same. Charlie Crabtree made a motion to adopt Policy/Procedure Number 2410 – Graduation Requirements. Brian Evans seconded the motion and the motion passed. A discussion on Running Start followed. Mr. Shockley said he would have more information on Running Start at a future meeting.

A. Budget Parameters/Assumptions

Mr. Dickerson presented the General Fund Budget Parameters and Priorities for 2004-05. He said the document is the same as presented last month except for a change in wording in number 6. Charlie Crabtree made a motion to approve the General Fund Budget Parameters and Priorities for 2004-05, and Bryan Vander Yacht seconded the motion. The motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Personnel Report

The Personnel Report was approved on a motion by Charlie Crabtree and seconded by Bryan Vander Yacht. See attached.

B. Eagle Scout Project Proposal

Eagle Scout Harris Larson has proposed constructing baseball field dugouts at Meridian Middle School as an Eagle Scout Project. Mr. Dickerson said after meeting and discussing the project, the proposal is being revised. It has been suggested that dugouts be constructed for both boys' and girls' playing fields. The project would be constructed this summer at no expense to the district. Mr. Dickerson said the design would be carefully reviewed before giving final approval to the project.

C. First Reading – Procedure No. 2020 Curriculum

There was first reading of Procedure No. 2020 Curriculum. Mr. Burpee handed out a draft revision of the board procedure. He said he is proposing that Math K-12 start the study year in 2004-05 instead of 2005-06 as originally planned. The reason for the proposal is to make sure the curriculum aligns with the new GLE's in Math that OSPI will finalize this summer.

D. *Set Agenda for Board Retreat*

Superintendent Dickerson asked if there were any additional educational topics that should be added to the agenda for the Board Retreat scheduled for May 20, 2004. There was board agreement that the agenda covered the required topics for discussion.

E. *District Property*

Mr. Dickerson said an individual had approached him regarding selling school-owned property along the Guide Meridian. After discussion, there was board consensus that the district was not interested in selling property along the Guide Meridian.

BOARD SIGNATURE OF OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Annual Evaluation of Superintendent

The board went into executive session at 8:25 p.m. for the purpose of Superintendent evaluation and returned to regular session at 9:07 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Judy Boxx adjourned the meeting at 9:07 p.m.

Judy Boxx, Chair of the Board

Burton Dickerson, Superintendent
And Secretary to the Board