

MERIDIAN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 505  
MINUTES OF SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
September 15, 2004

Vice Chair Mary Mattison called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Board members present were Mary Mattison, Brian Evans, Charlie Crabtree and Bryan Vander Yacht.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Third grade students Kayla Ray, Austin Nolden, Kalina VanderPol, Trent Lukes, Austin VanderMey, Brittany Stager, Sam Peck, Jasneet Sangha, Brent Halderman and Taylor Lunde led the Pledge of Allegiance and were given certificates of appreciation.

**ADOPT AGENDA**

A motion to adopt the agenda was made by Brian Evans and seconded by Charlie Crabtree. Motion passed.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- A. Minutes for August 18, 2004
- B. Accounts Payable/Payroll
- C. Budget Status Reports

**REPORTS**

**A. *Director of Special Programs***

Steve Dahl, Director of Special Programs, said school was off to a great start. English Language Learners (ELL) has approximately 145 students, and paraeducator time is being adjusted at the high school to help improve support efforts. Mr. Dahl said the School-Wide Title Team at IRPS would be attending the Practitioners Workshop in Chelan in November. He said he is working on providing training opportunities to paraeducators working toward NCLB "highly qualified status." He reported that all teachers in the district are "highly qualified." Mr. Dahl said he would be visiting all buildings to review Section 504 plans during the school year. He reported that the special education mediation held in August was very successful with the two parties coming to agreement by signing an IEP for the individual student. The results of the Consolidated Program Review process conducted during the 2003-2004 school year were recently received with "no findings." He said he would form a small team to work on areas of concern. Mr. Dahl said it is projected that the Administrative Match Program would reimburse the district approximately \$150,000 this school year.

**B. *Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment***

Bruce Burpee, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment, reported on WASL comparisons. He said it is very difficult to access the website at this time, due to heavy usage. Mr. Burpee provided information by charting WASL Trends for 4<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 10<sup>th</sup> grades and said the 7<sup>th</sup> grade reading scores indicated the biggest increase in achievement. He also provided charts showing progress on meeting NCLB targets. He said the charts also indicate a gap between the low income and non-low income students and that this is an area of focus. Mr. Burpee said the

Math Curriculum Committee is scheduled to meet and that he had met with Meridian Middle School staff to work on their action plan. The focus is on reading and math.

Extended Learning Coordinator Judy McCourt reported on Summer School. She said she had received 138 referrals from teachers with 59 students participating in the remedial program. Mrs. McCourt said staff consisted of three teachers, 11 paraeducators and one librarian, and the emphasis was on reading and math. She said one of the highlights was a field trip to Barnes and Noble Bookstore. Students were presented with a challenge of reading eight books. Students who met the challenge were invited to the store where they were treated to a story time, refreshments and their choice of selected books. Mrs. McCourt said between 60 to 70 students attended the Enrichment portion of Summer School. Eleven different classes were offered for enrichment.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

## **BREAK**

The board recessed at 7:30 p.m. and returned to regular session at 7:35p.m.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### ***A. Second Reading – Policy 2255—Alternative Learning Second Reading – Policy 5006—Employee Conduct***

There was second reading of board policies number 2255 – Alternative Learning and number 5006 – Employee Conduct. Charlie Crabtree made a motion to approve the two board policies and Brian Evans seconded the motion. The motion passed.

### ***B. Approve School Handbooks***

Handbooks from all four schools were presented for annual board approval. Charlie Crabtree suggested incorporating language in the handbooks that welcomed parents into the school system. He also suggested defining extracurricular activities in more detail by stating which activities are school sponsored and which activities are not school sponsored.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Title V, Part A Plan Approval**

Superintendent Dickerson explained that Title V, Part A is a federal program that provides funding for local education. The funds will be used to contract with Northwest Evaluation Association to provide for MAP testing. Brian Evans made a motion to approve Title V, Part A Plan and Charlie Crabtree seconded the motion. The motion passed.

### **B. Personnel Report**

The Personnel Report was approved on a motion by Charlie Crabtree and seconded by Brian Evans. See attached.

### **B. Resolution No. 11-04 Employee Deferred Compensation Plan**

On a motion by Brian Evans and second from Charlie Crabtree, Resolution No. 11-04 – Employee Deferred Compensation Plan was approved.

### **C. First Reading – Policy 3115 Homeless Students**

There was first reading of Board Policy Number 3115 – Homeless Students.

### **D. WSSDA Annual Conference Plans**

Superintendent Dickerson reminded board members that it is time to make reservations for the annual WSSDA Conference in Spokane beginning November 10<sup>th</sup>. He asked that members make their registration and travel plans with Lilly before October 1.

E. Serving on Your Local School Board

Mr. Dickerson presented each member with updated WSSDA booklets titled *Serving on Your Local School Board*. He said the booklets are a good information resource.

**BOARD SIGNATURE OF OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Vice Chair Mary Mattison adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

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Mary Mattison, Vice Chair of the Board

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Burton Dickerson, Superintendent  
And Secretary to the Board