

MERIDIAN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 505
MINUTES OF SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
February 16, 2005

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

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Fifth grade students Taylor Sytsma, Logan Hopp, and Ali Wasel led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPT AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. Minutes for January 19, 2005
- B. Accounts Payable/Payroll
- C. Budget Status Reports
- D. Resolution No. 2-05 Canceling Outstanding Warrants

REPORTS

A. Superintendent's Report

Randy Flowers gave a special presentation on the Ten Mile Creek Elementary Site Council. He said the council met early in the fall to plan their direction for the year. The plan developed for the 2004-05 school year included ways to improve Ten Mile's image in the community, lessen parent anxiety over homework, improve parent involvement and improve student achievement. He gave information on characteristics of a good school and student demographics at TMCE. Ideas on how to involve parents are to have school math nights where the students give demonstrations and another suggestion is to bring some programs closer to where the students live. Mr. Flowers said the site council is comprised of four parents and three staff members.

Superintendent Dickerson reported on district Strategic Plan Goals. He handed out a copy of a WSSDA newsletter article titled *Parent Involvement and Community Collaboration* which ties in with the Strategic Plan Goals by improving the connection between schools and parents. Mr. Dickerson reported on the five main goals and progress in those areas. He said the Strategic Plan Goals are posted on the district website, and as items are added the document is getting larger. He said the annual Strategic Plan Committee meeting is scheduled for the end of March.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

RECESS

The board recessed at 7:33 p.m. and returned to regular session at 7:38 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. *Accountability System/Policy*

Mr. Dickerson said sample policies have been reviewed, and it is now time to take action, be specific, and start to draft an accountability policy into written form. He recommends forming a

task force comprised of staff, parents, and a board representative to gather information. Mr. Dickerson said it will be important to communicate the purpose of the accountability plan so everyone involved will have an opportunity to respond and give input.

B. *Nutrition/Fitness Policy*

Superintendent Dickerson stated that he had met with Amy Wilcox, Food Service Supervisor, and she had provided a draft nutrition policy from the Everett School District. He said he had queried Whatcom County Superintendents and no county school has adopted a policy at this time. Mr. Dickerson said he would continue to gather information and would report more at a future date.

NEW BUSINESS

A. *Establishment of School Facilities Maintenance Committee*

Superintendent Dickerson gave information on the need to form a School Facilities Maintenance Committee. He said the committee, comprised of community and staff members, would develop a written plan and meet twice a year to tour and inspect facilities. Mary Mattison made a motion to establish a School Facilities Maintenance Committee and recommended Bryan Vander Yacht to serve as board representative. Brian Evans seconded the motion and the motion passed.

B. *Contract for Speech Services*

Contract for speech services with Sue Blackadar for a total of 70 hours was approved on a motion by Mary Mattison and seconded by Bryan Vander Yacht.

C. *Surplus Equipment*

Bryan Vander Yacht made a motion to approve the list of surplus items. Brian Evans seconded the motion and the motion passed. See attached.

D. *School Calendar for 2005-2006*

Charlie Crabtree made a motion to approve the 2005-2006 School Calendar and Brian Evans seconded the motion. The motion passed. See attached.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The board went into executive session at 8:02 p.m. to review personnel performance and returned to regular session at 9:18 p.m.

PERSONNEL REPORT

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

BOARD SIGNATURE OF OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m. by Chair Judy Boxx.

Chair of the Board

Burton Dickerson, Superintendent
And Secretary to the Board

