

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

Ten Mile Creek Elementary students Jacob Dennis, Alex Sutton and Jacob Plagerman led the flag salute.

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 Charlie Crabtree and seconded by Mary Mattison.

- A. Minutes for September 21, 2005
- B. Accounts Payable/Payroll
- C. Budget Status Reports

REPORTS

A. Special Feature – MHS Summer School and New Math Program

High school teacher Rob Burkett reported on summer school for credit retrieval held at the high school last summer. Nova Net, a computer program based upon national standards, was used for subjects offered in Health, Washington State History, English, World Geography and U. S. History. Mr. Burkett said 29 students were enrolled with an attendance rate of 93%. He said he was very impressed with the work ethic and that many students excelled in the alternative school setting. There are plans to offer this self-supporting program for students throughout the school year to help keep students on track for graduation.

Mr. Dave Shick, high school math teacher, reported that he visited a Yelm High School math class taught by a teacher that has shown significant improvement in WASL scores. Mr. Shick said he has implemented the Math Lab Class for ninth grade students and that all group activities are hands on. He said there are no lectures or homework, and students must have a 95% passing rate, and that the Math Lab students will take the WASL test in the spring.

B. Director of Special Programs – Steve Dahl

Mr. Dahl reported that he had attended the Special Education Directors meeting at the ESD that day and gave a brief review of the key changes to Consolidated Program Review. He also gave information on the new IDEA (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act) procedural safeguards, and explained how the new guidelines will be beneficial to students, parents and staff members. Mr. Dahl reported that special services presently serve 210 students and that 158 students are currently in the ELL program. Mr. Dahl thanked members for returning the survey.

C. Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment – Bruce Burpee

Mr. Burpee reported on the Highly Capable Program for students in grades 3-8. He said grades 3-5 use the pull-out method with an emphasis on science. The middle school teachers, with the help of Extended Learning Coordinator Judy McCourt, design extensions to the curriculum to identified students. He said 44 students were in the Highly Capable Program last year. Mr. Burpee

gave a lengthy report on the Alternative Learning Experience Program. He said he has met with a parent group to work on the details of the Home School Connections Program. He said plans are to implement the program in the month of January, but there are still many details to work out, such as reimbursement, location, high school credit and staffing. There was also discussion regarding changes to Learning Improvement Day and late arrival/early release for staff development.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

RECESS

The board recessed at 7:50 p.m. and returned to regular session at 7:55 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Second Reading and Adoption

1. Policy/Procedure No. 3416 Medication at School

There was second reading of board policy/procedure number 3416 – Medication at School. Mary Mattison made a motion to approve policy/procedure number 3416 and Bryan Vander Yacht seconded the motion. Motion passed.

B. Second Reading

1. **Policy/Procedure No. 2255 Alternative Learning Experience Programs**

There was second reading and discussion of policy/procedure number 2255 Alternative Learning Experience Programs. Dr. Dickerson said the policy is still in the development stage and will be adopted at a subsequent meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

A. *MHS Physics Class Trip to Costa Rica*

MHS physics teacher, Mr. Pat Preisinger, gave information on a proposed 11-day physics class trip to Costa Rica during spring break. He said students would miss three school days, and the cost of the trip will be approximately \$1600. Mr. Preisinger said he prepares the class by teaching about the geography and culture as well as the food they will experience. Mary Mattison made a motion to approve the physics class trip to Costa Rica and Charlie Crabtree seconded the motion. Motion passed. Mr. Crabtree said the board would enjoy hearing a report of the trip.

B. *Highly Capable Program Application*

The Highly Capable Program Application was approved on a motion by Charlie Crabtree and seconded by Mary Mattison.

C. *First Reading for Policy Revisions*

1. ***Policy No. 3415 Accommodating Students with Diabetes***
2. ***Policy No. 3413 Immunizations/Life Threatening Conditions***

There was first reading and discussion of board policy number 3415 – Accommodating Students with Diabetes and revision to board policy number 3413 – Immunizations/Life Threatening Conditions.

D. *Personnel Report*

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

E. *Washington Schools Risk Management Pool*

Mr. Dickerson cited several reasons why the district should remain with the Washington Schools Risk Management Pool. Brian Evans made a motion for the superintendent to notify the Washington Schools Risk Management Pool that the district wishes to remain with the program and Mary Mattison seconded the motion. Motion passed.

F. Minimum Basic Education Compliance Form OSPI 1497

Superintendent Dickerson gave information on Minimum Basic Education Compliance Form which is due to OSPI and requires signatures from the superintendent and board chair certifying that the district is in compliance.

BOARD SIGNATURE OF OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. by Chair Judy Boxx.

Chair of the Board

Burton Dickerson, Superintendent
And Secretary to the Board