

MERIDIAN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 505
MINUTES OF SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
December 21, 2005

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

ADOPT AGENDA

A motion to adopt the agenda was made by Bryan Vander Yacht and seconded by Brian Evans. Motion passed.

CONSENT AGENDA

The following items on the consent agenda were approved on a motion by Charlie Crabtree and seconded by Bryan Vander Yacht.

- A. Minutes for November 16, 2005
- B. Accounts Payable/Payroll
- C. Budget Status Reports

OATH OF OFFICE – Newly Elected Board Members

Superintendent Dickerson administered the Oath of Office to newly elected board members Charlie Crabtree and Brian Evans.

ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Chair Judy Boxx called for nominations for chairperson for the coming year. Brian Evans nominated Charlie Crabtree. There were no further nominations. Bryan Vander Yacht seconded the motion and the motion passed. Charlie Crabtree was elected chairperson by unanimous vote. Chair Charlie Crabtree called for nominations for vice chairperson. Judy Boxx nominated Brian Evans. There were no further nominations. Bryan Vander Yacht seconded the motion and the motion passed. Brian Evans was elected vice chairperson by unanimous vote.

REPORTS

A. *Special Feature – Property Risk Assessment Award*

Superintendent Dickerson reported that he had recently been informed by Washington Schools Risk Management Pool that the district had achieved a perfect score on the 2004-2005 Property Risk Assessment Survey. He said the perfect score equates to a 3.0% reduction on the 2006 policy premium. Mr. Dickerson asked Brian Stephan to come forward to receive the Risk Assessment Survey Plaque sent by the pool and asked him to share it with his staff. He thanked Mr. Stephan, Mr. Keith Shelly and members of the maintenance staff for their work in identifying areas of improvement, developing written programs, and implementing training sessions in order to develop a Property Preservation Program. Mr. Dickerson said the district is currently involved in a Human Resources audit.

B. *Principals' Reports*

Meridian High School Principal Dave Shockley gave a Power Point presentation on the high school accreditation process. He said the accreditation process started in the 1960's and that in the late 1970's the Basic Education Act was enacted. Under the current statute the State Board of Education and Educational Service Districts work together and accreditation is tied to the School Improvement Plan. Mr. Shockley said once the School Improvement Plan is in place high school personnel can apply for accreditation. He reviewed the four steps of the ESD accreditation process, Request and Planning, Review School Self-Evaluation, Accreditation Site Visit and Accreditation Recommendation Report. Mr. Shockley said plans are for the application process to be complete by May 2006 and the accreditation in place by next school year. Mr. Shockley reported that on the last Tuesday of December and the first three Tuesdays of January an extended break is planned during the student day to allow advisors to meet with students on their graduation project.

C. *Parent Partnership Program*

Mr. Bruce Burpee stated that the Parent Partnership Program is ready to begin February 1, 2006 and that Mr. Rob Widman, a former Meridian High School math and science teacher, has been selected to be the program teacher. The site for the program is the Laurel Community Baptist Church and two evening informational and sign up meetings are scheduled for January 9 and 10 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. He said he is hoping for 22 full time students to begin the program and gave information on some of the classes that will be available to students.

PUBLIC COMMENT – There was no public comment.

RECESS

The board recessed at 8:44 p.m. and returned to regular session at 8:49 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. *Barn Project Update*

Mr. Dickerson said the Barn Steering Committee continues to hold regular meetings, twice each month, at the Laurel Grange. He said he, Dave Shockley and Lisa Sanderson regularly attend the meetings and the next meeting is scheduled for January 3, 2006. Mr. Jeff Alvord is leading the permit process, and he has agreed to manage the barn project once it is underway. Mr. Dickerson said the Mt. Baker Rotary Club has indicated interest in helping with contributions, and other fund raising efforts will begin once the permit process is complete.

NEW BUSINESS

A. *Computer Technology Program Update*

Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Bruce Burpee and Information Systems Manager Joe O'Brien reported on the current status of computer technology in the district and addressed the needs that have been identified. Mr. O'Brien said each year he completes a technology inventory survey for the state, and he reviewed the results of the 2004-05 School/Building Technology Inventory survey. The survey indicated the percent of computers meeting state standards and those below state standards. Mr. Burpee said plans are underway to implement a Technology Advisory Committee to review the current technology plan, develop a replacement schedule, and identify sources of revenue to fund

new equipment. He said he plans to have a new Technology Plan ready by the April board meeting. Charlie Crabtree made a motion to create a Technology Advisory Committee and Bryan Vander Yacht seconded the motion. Motion passed. Mr. Crabtree said he would like to be a member of the committee.

B. Designate Administrator and Teacher/Student Ratio for Parent Partnership Program

Bryan Vander Yacht made a motion to designate Bruce Burpee as administrator and Rob Widman as teacher for the Parent Partnership Program and to set the ratio of one certificated instructional staff to 50 full time equivalent students. Brian Evans seconded the motion and the motion passed.

C. Approve Lease for Parent Partnership Program

Judy Boxx made a motion to approve a lease agreement with the Laurel Community Baptist Church for the use of their facility for the Parent Partnership Program. Bryan Vander Yacht seconded the motion and the motion passed.

D. Placement of Plate Boundary Observatory

Mr. Dickerson gave information on the placement of a GPS antenna station for the Plate Boundary Observatory. He said it will provide an educational opportunity, there is no financial responsibility to the district, and that the equipment can be removed at any time if the district wishes. He said a site has been located near the soccer field at the west end of the parking lot. Judy Boxx made a motion to approve the placement of the Plate Boundary Observatory on school district property and Brian Evans seconded the motion. The motion passed.

E. First Reading Policy No. 4130 – Title I Parental Involvement

There was first reading of Policy Number 4130 – Title I Parental Involvement.

F. Personnel Report

The personnel report was approved on a motion by Bryan Vander Yacht that was seconded by Judy Boxx. (Copy attached)

G. Resolution No. 11-05 – Adopting Order Dispensing with Records Index

Bryan Vander Yacht made a motion to approve Resolution No. 11-05 – Adopting Order Dispensing with Records Index. Judy Boxx seconded the motion and the motion passed.

BOARD SIGNATURE OF OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The board went into executive session at 8:34 p.m. to review personnel performance and returned to regular session at 9:17 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Charlie Crabtree adjourned the meeting at 9:17 p.m.

Chair of the Board

Burton Dickerson, Superintendent
and Secretary to the Board