

MERIDIAN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 505  
MINUTES OF SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
April 18, 2006

Chair Charlie Crabtree called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

Board members present were Judy Boxx, Charlie Crabtree and Mary Mattison.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**ADOPT AGENDA**

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- A. Minutes for March 15, 2006
- B. Accounts Payable/Payroll
- C. Budget Status Reports

**REPORTS**

**A. *Special Feature***

Ten Mile Creek Elementary Principal Randy Flowers introduced employees from his building by saying they are a team of outstanding employees. Mr. Flowers said as part of the celebration for Classified Employees Week in March, he gave special recognition to Monica Campfield, Sam Long, Andrea Bates, Linda Sherman and Terri Roosendaal. Monica works as a substitute secretary, student monitor and paraeducator; Sam Long, who started out as a volunteer with Spanish speaking students, works as a student monitor; Monica Bates is also a student monitor; and Linda Sherman and Terri Roosendaal work in the food service department. Mr. Flowers gave these individuals all high praise by saying they enhance the school program at TMCE. Mr. Dickerson also said thank you for their positive addition to the school system.

**B. *Director of Special Programs***

Mr. Dahl gave information on the alternative to the WASL for students receiving special education services. The new option is called the Developmentally Appropriate WASL or DAW. He said the Safety Net Application was submitted to OSPI and that the district will have a one day turnaround to resubmit if needed. Mr. Dahl also provided information on Out of District Placements and said Meridian currently has five students enrolled at Timber Ridge who have IEP's. Mr. Dahl introduced Preschool Director Jeanne Claire Saucer, Lori Whitehead and Aimee Reyne who provided a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the students and activities in the program. Mrs. Saucer said there are 44 students enrolled in the four half-day sessions.

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

Mr. Burpee gave several reasons why he is recommending delaying the decision on the math curriculum at this time. He said staff development in math is a high priority and that a new, state-supported math in-service called First Steps in Mathematics will be available next year. The

teachers who receive the in-service training will provide instruction for Meridian's teachers. Mr. Burpee said Irene Reither Primary School staff has been holding math study groups this year. He said the WASL testing was going fine with fewer students opting out of taking the test. Discussion followed regarding the disruption to the class day, but Mr. Shockley and Mrs. Smith said the testing was only for two hours a day for a total of four days in March and four days in April. Mr. Burpee said the district will be a testing site for high school WASL retakes this summer.

### **PUBLIC HEARING – I 728 Program**

Mr. Burpee provided a hand-out detailing an overview of the I-728 funding. He said there will be more money available per pupil next year, but there will be no carry-over from this year. He also provided information on the current uses of I-728 funds and budget issues for next year. A community meeting is scheduled for April 27 starting at 6:30 in the Meridian Middle School Library. The purpose of the meeting is for community members and staff to provide input for the program.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

### **RECESS**

The board recessed at 8:15 p.m. and returned to regular session at 8:20 p.m.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **A. *Adopt Budget Parameters and Priorities for 2006-2007***

Superintendent Dickerson said he would like to change agenda item Adopt Budget Parameters and Priorities for 2006-07 from an action item to a discussion item and asked if there were any comments or suggestions. He said the last two bulleted items from the PowerPoint presentation during the work session would be added to the list of parameters and priorities. The two items are: Categorical programs will operate within program funds available, and where possible, data will be used to substantiate the value of programs. Mary Mattison asked if the two items could be incorporated into existing parameters.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **A. *First Reading***

There was first reading of Board Policy No. 5404 Family Medical Leave, Board Policy No. 5222 Job Sharing and Board Procedure No. 5222 Job Sharing

#### **B. *Review School District Boundary Information***

Superintendent Dickerson handed out maps outlining the district boundaries. He said he wanted to clarify that although Bellingham city limits may extend into the Meridian School District, it does not affect the district boundaries. Mr. Dickerson also handed out copies of the laws and regulations from the Common School Manual detailing the transfer of territory and said such transfer must be mutually agreed upon.

#### **A. *Personnel Report***

Judy Boxx made a motion to approve the personnel report and Mary Mattison seconded the motion. The motion passed. (see attached)

#### **B. *CTE Funding Overview***

Mr. Dickerson reported on the Career and Technical Education Program. He said the State of Washington establishes the CTE funding system and explained the formula used to determine the funding. Mr. Dickerson reviewed the current budget for the CTE program and explained why some building level budgets were reduced. He said the legislature will provide an added \$7000 to

the budget for the 2006-07 school year and spoke about the possibility of adding more CTE programs which would increase FTE.

**Board Signature of Official Documents**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Charlie Crabtree adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

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Chair of the Board

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Burton Dickerson, Superintendent  
And Secretary to the Board