

MERIDIAN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 505
MINUTES OF SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
May 17, 2006

Chair Charlie Crabtree called the meeting to order at 7:00.m.

Board members present were Judy Boxx, Charlie Crabtree, Bryan Vander Yacht, Brian Evans, 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 April 18, 2006
- B. Accounts Payable/Payroll
- C. Budget Status Reports
- D. Resolution No. 5-06 WIAA Authority
- E. Resolution No. 6-06 Transfer of Funds from General Fund to Debt Service Fund

REPORTS

A. *Teacher Appreciation*

Superintendent Dickerson stated that May 8-12 was designated Teacher Appreciation Week. He said he wished to publicly thank the teachers for the many contributions they provide the students of the Meridian School District. Mr. Dickerson invited teacher representatives to the meeting and introduced Diana Rick, Nita Wright, Mary Hardin, Mike Durkee and Matt Vande Putte. He said teachers instill confidence, provide motivation, assistance and attention, and are an important influence in children's lives. Mr. Dickerson cited the positive programs such as Outdoor Education Camp at MMS, the recent culminating project and accreditation process at MHS, the team-building and collaboration efforts at TMCE, and the preschool, Leadership Team, and School-Wide Title 1 Team all at IRPS. Charlie Crabtree also thanked the many teachers who have helped with school levy and bond campaigns.

BREAK:

The board recessed at 7:10 p.m. and returned to regular session at 7:20 p.m.

B. *Superintendent's Report*

Superintendent Dickerson said the annual Strategic Planning Meeting was held in April, and that progress toward the goals was reviewed, and in some areas, expanded. He gave an update on progress in the five main goal areas. In the area of *Academic*, Mr. Dickerson reported that the accreditation site visit took place on May 16, and the team told high school staff that a favorable

recommendation will be made to the State Board of Education. The State Board of Education will meet in June and the accreditation is for a six year period. Mr. Dickerson reviewed the progress made toward the goals in *Community* and gave special recognition to Jill and Rob Horgen for their dedicated leadership and involvement with the barn project. Mr. Dickerson said the Horgen's were recently honored at the regional Washington Association of School Administrators awards banquet where they received special recognition for their community involvement.

C. *Career and Technical Education Program Information*

Mr. Shockley gave a Power Point presentation on Career and Technical Education (CTE) in the district. He outlined the four pathways of CTE—Business and Marketing taught by Mr. Durkee, Technology and Industry taught by Mr. Vande Putte, Health and Human Services taught by Mrs. Hardin, and Agriculture and Science taught by Miss Sanderson. Mr. Shockley showed slides that illustrated CTE coursework and WASL performance provided from the Northshore and Pasco School Districts, and CTE WASL comparison charts. He said findings indicate that all students need high end academic skills, CTE students are college students while in high school and beyond, and academic content is taught and reinforced in CTE classes. Mr. Shockley said the goals of the CTE Research Committee are to gather data to show that CTE courses make a difference, help districts mine data to inform program improvements, and use data to inform districts, policy makers, counselors, administrators, teachers, communities, researchers/authors, and the uninformed about CTE. Discussion followed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

RECESS

The board recessed at 8:27 p.m. and returned to regular session at 8:37 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. *Second Reading and Adoption*

There was second reading of Board Policy No. 5404—Family Medical Leave, Board Policy No. 5222—Job Sharing (revision) and Board Procedure No. 5222—Job Sharing. Bryan Vander Yacht made a motion to adopt the board policies and procedure and Judy Boxx seconded the motion. The motion passed.

B. *Budget Parameters and Priorities 2006-2007*

Mr. Dickerson said he had weaved new guiding principles into the list of budget parameters and trimmed the list to ten items. He said it sums up a good list of guidelines. Mary Mattison made a motion to adopt the Budget Parameters and Priorities for 2006-2007 and Judy Boxx seconded the motion. The motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

A. *Personnel Report*

Bryan Vander Yacht made a motion to approve the personnel report which included teacher and administrator contracts for 2006-2007 and salary schedules for co-curricular activity programs and exempt employees. Judy Boxx seconded the motion and the motion passed. (See attached list)

B. School Meal Prices for 2006-2007

Mr. Dickerson said there will likely be a small increase in meal prices for the 2006-2007 school year, and that Amy Wilcox will be conducting meal costs comparison survey with other school districts.

Board Signature of Official Documents

ADJOURNMENT

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

Chair of the Board

Burton Dickerson, Superintendent
And Secretary to the Board