

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

First grades students, Payton Lunde, Tyler Burns, Kyle Zaylor, Courtney Mason and Camden Burgess led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPT AGENDA

A motion to adopt the agenda was made by Judy Boxx 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 Judy Boxx.

- A. Minutes for May 17, 2006 and June 7, 2006
- B. Accounts Payable/Payroll
- C. Budget Status Reports
- D. Resolution No. 7-06 Canceling Outstanding Warrants

REPORTS

- A. Special Feature – Grade 6 Outdoor Education Program
Meridian Middle School sixth grade teacher Don McMains provided a slide show and narration of Outdoor Education Camp activities. He said this is the 30th year for 6th graders attending outdoor education. He provided a brief history and also explained the many benefits students receive by attending the camp. He thanked the high school administration and teachers for their cooperation in allowing high school students to serve as counselors during the four day, four night camp. Chad Larsen handed out a student handbook that each student receives, and he outlined the day in the life of a camper. Chris Thompson gave information on community support and funding and said planning for the camp begins in September.
- B. Principal's Reports
All principals provided year-end written reports and reported on School Improvement Plan activities throughout the 2005-06 school year. Mrs. Jermunson reported on the three essential parts of the School Improvement Plan – activities, support, and expected impact, and gave information on reading and math scores. Mr. Flowers said they used the MAP testing three different times during the year to measure student's achievement and shared information on reading and math test scores. Mr. Sanderson also shared information on test scores. He said the site council will go through the School Improvement Plan process next year beginning with the data carrousel. Plans are for each student to have a written student plan with the goal of raising test scores and performance. Mr. Shockley said writing and reading WASL scores are high and

math scores are close to state average, and that the School Improvement Plan will focus on math next school year. There was lengthy discussion in regard to math and math scores.

C. **Introduce Newly Appointed District Leaders**

Mr. Dickerson welcomed and introduced newly hired athletic director and teacher, Adam Mathieson. Mr. Mathieson most recently worked at WWU in the football department. He also introduced Mrs. Deka Smith, who will assume the duties of Special Programs Director. Mrs. Smith is currently the assistant principal at the high school.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

RECESS

The board recessed at 8:44 p.m. and returned to regular session at 8:50 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. ***Budget Update***

Superintendent Dickerson gave an update on the 2006-2007 budget development. He presented a preliminary summary copy of the General Fund Budget and explained that the increase in budgeted FTE enrollment is due primarily to the Parent Partnership Program. He said that more work on the budget is needed because expenditures are in excess of revenue, but that a balanced budget will be ready for board approval in July.

B. ***Technology Committee Report***

Mr. Dickerson provided a Power Point presentation on the Meridian School District technology system. He said the system is aging and requires more support, financial resources are limited, and that there are too many computers for personnel to manage. An advisory committee was formed to find solutions to the problems and action steps are in place to implement the solutions. Mr. Burpee reported that the plan calls for 40 new computers to be purchased each year to replace aging computers. He also said 160 adult computers will receive full support within 24 hours of problems, and that technology coaches will have greater permissions. There was also discussion regarding future funding for technology.

C. ***School Meal Prices for 2006-2007***

Superintendent Dickerson stated that Food Service Supervisor Amy Wilcox is proposing a twenty-five cent increase in school lunch price for the 2006-2007 school year. Mrs. Wilcox had conducted a survey among local schools and the proposed increase is in line with other school districts. Bryan Vander Yacht made a motion to increase school lunches and Brian Evans seconded the motion. K-5 lunch will be \$2.25 and grades 6-12 will be \$2.50.

NEW BUSINESS

A. ***Approve Student/Parent Handbooks***

The drafts of the MHS Student Handbook (with revised Co-Curricular Code included), IRPS Student Responsibility Plan and MMS Student Handbook were presented for approval. Mary Mattison said she would like to see a more standardized look to the handbooks and had a question about the high school mission statement. It was recommended that the same language be used in all the handbooks in the area of Alcohol and Drugs, and Weapons and Firearms, which would bring the handbooks into alignment with school board policy. It was also recommended that the section on consequences in the high school handbook be moved to the back of the handbook.

Mary Mattison made a motion to approve the handbooks with the changes discussed. Brian Evans seconded the motion and the motion passed.

B. *Sale of Property – Whatcom County Road Project*

Mr. Dickerson reported on the proposed purchase of property for a county right-of-way that will allow for a left turn lane at Hannegan and Ten Mile roads. The county is proposing to purchase a ten foot strip of land 419 feet long and 23 feet wide at the corner. After discussion it was decided that Mr. Dickerson will work with the county to come to an agreeable offer for the purchase of the property.

C. *Personnel Report*

The personnel report was approved on a motion by Judy Boxx and seconded by Mary Mattison.

D. *Approve Interlocal Agreement – Joint Purchase Cooperative*

Brian Vander Yacht made a motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement – Joint Purchase Cooperative. Mary Mattison seconded the motion and motion passed.

E. *Approve NWRDC Contract of 2006-2007*

Mary Mattison made a motion to approve the contract with NWRDC for 2006-2007 and Bryan Vander Yacht seconded the motion. The motion passed.

F. *Approve Long Range Facilities Plan*

Judy Boxx made a motion to approve the Long Range Facilities Plan and Mary Mattison seconded the motion. The motion passed.

G. *School Improvement Plan for Meridian Parent Partnership Program*

The School Improvement Plan for Meridian Parent Partnership Program was approved on a motion by Mary Mattison and seconded by Judy Boxx.

Board Signature of Official Documents

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The board went into executive session at 10:12 p.m. and returned to regular session at 10:35 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Charlie Crabtree adjourned the meeting at 10:35 p.m.

Chair of the Board

Burton Dickerson, Superintendent
And Secretary to the Board