

MERIDIAN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 505  
MINUTES OF SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
November 20, 2006

Chair Charlie Crabtree called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. in the high school library.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

**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 Bryan Vander Yacht and seconded by Brian Evans.

- A. Minutes for October 18, 2006
- B. Accounts Payable/Payroll
- C. Budget Status Reports
- D. Resolution No. 11-06 – Transfer from GF to DSF
- E. Resolution No. 12-06 – Transfer Funds from CPF to DSF

**REPORTS**

**A. Summer Sabbatical Reports**

Due to inclement weather and the rescheduling of the school board meeting, the Summer Sabbatical Reports will be given at a later date.

**B. Superintendent's Report**

Mr. Dickerson said the State Auditors would be arriving next week to begin the district audit for school years 2004-05 and 2005-06. He outlined progress on the Strategic Plan Goals in the areas of Academics, Community, Facilities, Administrative, and Staff. Mr. Dickerson provided information on his latest article in the Meridian Matters. The article included information on the Strategic Plan, Accountability Policy, Computer Technology Needs and Facility Needs. He gave information on Washington Association of School Administrators written response to Washington Learns and said it brings a new level of awareness to the dissatisfaction of school funding. The Barn Steering Committee continues to meet and electrical work and a water line extended to the barn are still needed to complete the project. Mr. Dickerson said approximately \$6,000 is needed to complete the electrical work. Mr. Kimble is developing plans for fencing and is designing the interior of the barn. There was brief discussion related to the recent wind storm and the Emergency Response Plan.

**C. Student Representative on Board Project**

High school student Nick Meyer was not able to attend the meeting, but Mr. Dickerson provided information on the student project. He said the next step is for Nick to work with the leadership group at the high school to develop written guidelines, and determine how the student

representative would report back to the student body and how the flow of communication would work.

#### **D. ASB Report and Overview**

High school principal Dave Shockley and assistant principal Maggie Bagwell provided a Power Point presentation on the Associated Student Body. Also present were ASB officers Katie Sargent, Jen Hofbauer and Hailey Oltman. Katie Sargent said she became interested in being an officer so she could be an active participant in helping to make positive changes and increase school spirit. She said better planning has been successful. Mr. Shockley outlined the Ten Guiding Principles of ASB, and provided data on the ASB budget, revenues and expenditures and discussed the financial challenges. Mr. Marty Fortin had recently visited the district to review ASB rules, laws, and procedures to the Booster Club, coaches, teachers, district office staff and ASB officers.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

#### **RECESS**

The board recessed at 5:20 p.m. and returned to regular session at 5:25 p.m.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### **A. *Meridian Parent Partnership Class Trip***

Meridian Parent Partnership teacher Mary Jo Harvey gave information on a proposed Geocaching/Geography trip to Mt. Rushmore during spring break. Mrs. Harvey said the trip also includes Yellowstone National Park. She gave information on the learning goals, budget, and pre-trip activities. Mrs. Harvey said at this time 14 students and seven families have shown interest in the trip. Bryan Vander Yacht made a motion to approve the Meridian Parent Partnership field trip to Mt. Rushmore and Mary Mattison seconded the motion. The motion passed.

##### **B. *Personnel Report***

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

##### **C. *Agreement with Bellingham School District***

Agreement for Interdistrict Cooperative Educational Services with the Bellingham School District to provide Health Care Services Program and Video Game Programming and Design/Animation Program was approved on a motion by Mary Mattison and seconded by Judy Boxx.

##### **D. *Construction Academy***

Superintendent Dickerson provided written information on a proposal for Construction Careers Academy Program. The Construction Careers Academy program is patterned after other interdistrict programs and will help meet the growing need for a skilled workforce in the construction industry. He said the Construction Careers Academy would serve high school juniors and seniors who are interested in the construction industry. Students would have a semester of classroom learning related to the construction industry along with a paid internship that would be supervised by a teacher. Mr. Dickerson said Meridian High School is being considered as the host site because there is a shop facility, the building is available in the afternoon, and because of the location in the county. He stated that the next step is for Whatcom County Superintendent's to meet and give final approval for the program so the committee can move forward with fund raising

requests. The vision is to have the program in operation by next fall and will start with 25 students, two from each high school.

***E. Accept Cash Gift***

Bryan Vander Yacht made a motion to accept a \$2000 cash gift from G.I. Joes and Mary Mattison seconded the motion. The motion passed.

***F. WIAA Survey***

Mr. Dickerson gave information regarding a WIAA survey requesting information relating to coaching stipends and funding sources at WIAA member schools. Discussion followed.

**Board Signature of Official Documents**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Charlie Crabtree adjourned the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

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Chair of the Board

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Burton Dickerson, Superintendent  
And Secretary to the Board