

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

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

Meridian High School student Nick Meyer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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 Judy Boxx and seconded by Bryan Vander Yacht. Motion passed.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- A. Minutes for November 20, 2006 and December 11, 2006
- B. Accounts Payable/Payroll
- C. Budget Status Reports
- D. Resolution No. 13-06 Canceling Outstanding Warrants

**ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

Chair Charlie Crabtree called for nominations for chairperson for the coming year. Judy Boxx nominated Brian Evans. There were no further nominations. Bryan Vander Yacht seconded the motion and the motion passed. Brian Evans was elected chairperson by unanimous vote. It was decided that Mr. Crabtree would chair the remainder of the meeting. Charlie Crabtree called for nominations for vice chairperson. Judy Boxx nominated Mary Mattison. There were no further nominations. Brian Evans seconded the motion and the motion passed. Mary Mattison was elected vice chairperson by unanimous vote.

**REPORTS**

A. *Student Representative Project*

MHS senior Nick Meyer presented a written report outlining the prerequisites/eligibility and reporting process for School Board Student Representative, which is his senior project. Nick said he has been in contact with ASB officers and was hoping someone would be interested in the position. Nick asked if the project could be pre approved for the list of senior project topics. Mr. Dickerson said it was an intriguing idea and that the proposal would need to go before the senior project committee. After discussion, it was decided that Superintendent Dickerson would work with Nick to implement a draft board policy and procedure for School Board Student Representative, so it can be ready for first reading at the January board meeting.

## **B. Directors' Reports**

Deka Smith, Director of Special Programs, said the Child Find Count on December 1 was 213 students, but the number has now increased to 220 students due to new families moving into the district. She gave information on new federal regulations that went into effect in October and how it will impact the district. Mrs. Smith said Meridian has been selected for the second round of revised special education monitoring. She said the first round was the piloting process and the biggest change will be more focus on outcome based criteria and less focus on procedures. The good news is that the review will now be every six years. She said the Federal Grant application and the Continuous Improvement Plan mid-year review have both been submitted. The district had just received official notice that the DAW (Developmentally Appropriate WASL) will no longer be available as an assessment option. Mrs. Smith said she has reviewed and updated the Title IX Affirmative Action requirements.

Bruce Burpee, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment, reviewed the optional routes approved by the State Board of Education for students to receive a Certificate of Individual Achievement which leads to a diploma. He said the WAAS-DAW continues to be an option for students in grades 11 and 12 as a way to earn the Certificate of Individual Achievement for graduation. There was lengthy discussion of the newly released Governor's budget, the Joint Mathematics Action Plan and the WASL. Mr. Burpee gave information on the Digital Learning Commons that is available to all high school students. He said at the high school, in addition to the WASL remediation help that is available, students can also sign up for credit retrieval classes and advanced courses. Mr. Burpee said credit retrieval courses cost about \$300 per course, which is paid by the student, and that about 12 seniors might participate.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – There was no public comment.

## **RECESS**

The board recessed at 8:07 p.m. and returned to regular session at 8:14 p.m.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **A. Calendar Adjustment – Make up snow days**

Superintendent Dickerson reported on how other neighboring school districts are planning to make up the five lost school days in November due to weather. He said the only days that could be used to make up for the snow days are one in February and the week of spring break. After discussion, Judy Boxx made a motion to make up the missed days at the end of the year. If additional days are missed, then makeup days other than the end of the school year will be considered. Charlie Crabtree seconded the motion and the motion passed.

**Graduation Date** – Brian Evans made a motion to set graduation date to June 15, one week later than originally planned, due to the extended school year. Judy Boxx seconded the motion and the motion passed.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. School Facilities Maintenance Plan**

Brian Evans made a motion to approve the School Facilities Maintenance Plan and Bryan Vander Yacht seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**B. *Grade Six Outdoor Education Program – Spring 2007***

Mr. Dickerson said out-of-state or overnight programs need board approval and the structure of the program remains the same as in previous years. Bryan Vander Yacht made a motion to approve the Grade Six Outdoor Education Program and Judy Boxx seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**C. *First Reading – Policy/Procedure 2255 Alternative Learning***

There was first reading of board policy/procedure number 2255 – Alternative Learning. Mr. Dickerson explained the purpose for the policy/procedure.

**D. *Personnel Report***

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

**E. *Safe School LifeLine***

Superintendent Dickerson said Washington Schools Risk Management Pool is offering a new service for members at no additional cost. The service, Safe School LifeLine “Live Tip,” is a 24 hour hotline available to staff, students and parents for reporting concerns relating to school safety. Bryan Vander Yacht made a motion to enroll for LifeLine and Brian Evan seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**F. *MCEA Negotiated Agreement 2006-2009***

Bryan Vander Yacht made a motion to approve the MCEA Negotiated Agreement for 2006-2009. Brian Evans seconded the motion and the motion passed.

**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