

MERIDIAN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 505  
MINUTES OF SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
February 21, 2007

Chair Brian Evans called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

First grade students Dakota Edmonds, Jose Cuellar, Madeline Loder, Kayley Harris and Mykenzi Bruner led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**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 Charlie Crabtree and seconded by Bryan Vander Yacht.

- A. Minutes for January 17, 2007
- B. Accounts Payable/Payroll
- C. Budget Status Reports

**REPORTS**

*Superintendent's Report*

**Risk Assessment Survey Update**

Mr. Ray Roberts, Loss Control Consultant for the Washington Schools Risk Management Pool, was present to congratulate the school board and district for the recent risk assessment survey in the Human Resources Department. Mr. Roberts stated the district received a perfect score which results in a three percent reduction in premiums in 2007. He presented a plaque to Board Chair Brian Evans in appreciation for the successful completion of the survey and thanked Superintendent Dickerson and Lilly Megard for their work in this area.

**Audit Report**

Mr. Dickerson reported that the recent state audit indicated that everything was in compliance and that there were no "findings." He said the auditors recommended that the ASB funds should be deposited more frequently, and that with the increase in fuel prices, the district would most likely need to request sealed bids for bus fuel.

**Strategic Plan Update**

Mr. Dickerson stated that the most recent version of the Strategic Plan Progress Report is posted on the district website. He said the Student Accountability Policy Study Team is launching a more in-depth review to look for alternative ways for successful intervention. He said it is an interesting topic with no easy answer. Superintendent Dickerson handed out an information sheet on the Construction Academy that will be housed at MHS beginning next school year. He said the information will be helpful for students who may be interested in the program. Mr. Dickerson said it is time to think about updating the Strategic Plan and involving new people in the process.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Charlie Crabtree stated he and Superintendent Dickerson will be attending the Legislative Conference in Olympia on Sunday and Monday. Mr. Crabtree said when he meets with legislators he plans to speak to them about the failure of the state to provide adequate leadership in terms of identifying

mathematics instructional methods and curriculum materials. He said he is also concerned about a proposal to make school board positions appointed rather than elected.

## **RECESS**

The board recessed at 7:25 p.m. and returned to regular session at 7:30 p.m.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **A. *Second Reading and Adoption Board Policy 1820 – Student Representative on Board***

High School student Nick Meyer and teacher Steve Lawrence prepared a trifold brochure outlining the guidelines for student school board representative. Mr. Meyer said the only changes are there will be two student representatives and the term will be one year. Three high school students were also present and they gave their views on student representation. Mr. Meyer said the student representatives will be selected during the ASB elections. Charlie Crabtree made a motion to approve Board Policy 1820 – Student Representative on Board and Mary Mattison seconded the motion. The motion passed.

### **B. *Second Reading and Adoption Board Policy 6580 – Domestic Violence***

Mary Mattison made a motion to approve Board Policy 6580 – Domestic Violence and Judy Boxx seconded the motion. The motion passed.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. *School Calendar for 2007-2008***

Superintendent Dickerson reported that the calendar committee had met twice and had finalized the recommendation for the 2007-2008 school calendar. He said the committee recommended the Christmas break for December 20 through January 2, 2008 and for the graduation date be set at the February 2008 board meeting. Lengthy discussion followed. Mary Mattison made a motion to approve the school calendar for 2007-2008 and Brian Evans seconded the motion. The motion passed.

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

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

### **C. *Waiver Request for MMS Emergency Closure – Power Failure***

Mary Mattison made a motion to request a waiver for Meridian Middle School emergency closure due to power failure. Bryan Vander Yacht seconded the motion and the motion passed.

### **D. *Budget Planning for 07-08***

Superintendent Dickerson stated that budget planning is underway for 2007-2008 and outlined the process. He gave preliminary budget prep information based upon the Governor's budget proposal and the effects on possible revenue increases. It is the beginning of the budget building time, so more detail will be available as the Legislature makes decisions and we begin receiving notices on federal and other state program revenues. Mr. Dickerson reviewed the General Fund Budget Parameters and Priorities and asked members of the board to review the parameters before the next meeting for possible board adoption.

## **Board Signature of Official Documents**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Brian Evans adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

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Chair of the Board

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Burton Dickerson, Superintendent  
And Secretary to the Board