

MERIDIAN SCHOOL DISTRICT #505
MINUTES OF SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
July 18, 2007

The meeting was called to order by Chair Brian Evans at 7:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

SUPERINTENDENT OATH OF OFFICE

Superintendent Tim Yeomans took the Oath of Office administered by board chair Brian Evans.

ADOPT AGENDA

A motion to adopt the agenda was made by Mary Mattison and seconded by Bryan Vander Yacht. 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 June 19, 2007 and June 20, 2007
- B. Accounts Payable/Payroll
- C. 2006-2007 Budget Status Reports

PUBLIC HEARING – Budget for 2007-2008

Superintendent Yeomans and Mrs. Calman presented an overview of the proposed district budget for 2007-2008. Copies of the budget were distributed and there was opportunity for questions and answers. After discussion, Mr. Yeomans stated that the district has presented a balanced budget.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bryan Vander Yacht said that members of the School Facilities Maintenance Committee were concerned about areas that are still in need of repair. Specific areas of concern were the gymnasium lights at Meridian Middle School and the football lights at the high school. Mr. Yeomans said he had met with architect John Stewart and that he has proposed a plan for the gymnasium lights. Mr. Shockley said some of the football field lights have been repaired, but he did not know the status of all the lights. Mr. Yeomans said he will meet with maintenance supervisor Brian Stephan and will report back in August.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. *ASB Revenues Update*

Mr. Yeomans stated some of the reasons why the high school ASB Fund is facing financial challenges. There was the discussion of how a pay-to-play proposal might look. Mr. Yeomans said he will have a work session to explore ideas and stated that the ASB must remain solvent. Mr. Crabtree asked if a history of the ASB could be provided to help with the decision making. Mr. Shockley said he believed that information would be easy to gather.

Superintendent Yeomans said it is important to thoroughly explore all the options and look at what effect a pay-to-play program would have on students and families in the district.

B. *Second Reading and Adoption of Policy Number 2161*

There was the second reading of Board Policy Number 2161 – Special Education and Related Services for Eligible Students. Mary Mattison made a motion to accept policy number 2161 – Special Education and Related Services for Eligible Students. Charlie Crabtree seconded the motion and the motion passed.

C. *WSSDA Conference Update*

Mr. Yeomans said conference and hotel reservations have been made for the WSSDA Conference in November. It was noted that conference information is not available on the website, but as soon as board members know of their conference preferences, to please let Lilly know so she can make any needed adjustments to the reservations.

NEW BUSINESS

A. *Resolution Number 5-07 – Budget Approval for 2007-2008*

Bryan Vander Yacht moved to adopt Resolution No. 5-07 Budget Approval for the 2007-2008 budget. Charlie Crabtree seconded the motion and the motion passed.

B. *Resolution Number 6-07 – Authorization of Facsimile Signature*

Resolution Number 6-07—Authorization of Facsimile Signature was approved on a motion by Charlie Crabtree and seconded by Bryan Vander Yacht.

C. *Resolution No. 7-07 – Authorization of Warrant Signature*

Resolution No. 7-07 – Authorization of Warrant Signature was approved on a motion by Bryan Vander Yacht and seconded by Judy Boxx.

D. *Resolution No. 8-07 – Authorization to Invest Funds*

Judy Boxx moved to adopt Resolution No. 8-07, Authorization to Invest Funds. Mary Mattison seconded the motion and the motion passed.

E. *Resolution No. 9-07 – Designation of District Agent*

Mary Mattison moved to adopt Resolution No. 9-07—Designation of District Agent, and Brian Evans seconded the motion. The motion passed.

F. *Resolution No. 10-07 – Designation of Auditing Officers*

Brian Evans made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 10-07—Designation of Auditing Officers. Charlie Crabtree seconded the motion and the motion passed.

G. *Resolution No. 11-07 – Certified Signatures of District Personnel Authorized to Sign School Construction Project Documents*

Resolution No. 11-07 – Certified Signatures of District Personnel Authorized to Sign School Construction Project Documents was approved on a motion by Charlie Crabtree and seconded by Bryan Vander Yacht.

H. *Personnel Report*

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

I. *County Wide Impact Fees*

Mr. Yeomans reported that the Whatcom County Planning Commission held a hearing on July 12th to review the county-wide School Facility Impact Fees proposal. He said that there will be a significant impact on the school district in the next 10-15 years due to growth, and at this time there is no structure in place for impact fees in unincorporated areas.

Lengthy discussion followed. Superintendent Yeomans said he will have more information to report at the August meeting.

J. *School District Boundary Information* – Ridgefield School District

Superintendent Yeomans presented a letter and information on House Bill 2148 from the Ridgefield School District Board of Directors. Representative Dave Quall sponsored the bill which proposes a change in the way school districts can petition to take assessed valuation property away from a neighboring school district by the use of a petition to change school district boundaries. Mr. Yeomans said this information is of particular interest to the Meridian School District because of the growth in the southern part of the district.

K. *Filling of Upcoming Vacant Board Position*

Mr. Yeomans stated that no one filed for school district director number one position during the open filing period. He said he will contact Northwest ESD 189 Superintendent Jerry Jenkins to discuss procedures for filling the vacant position.

BOARD SIGNATURE OF OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The board went into executive session at 8:20 p.m. to discuss real property, bargaining update and superintendent evaluation. The board returned to regular session at 9:58 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:59 p.m. by Chair Brian Evans.

Chair of the Board

Timothy S. Yeomans, Superintendent and
Secretary to the Board