

MERIDIAN SCHOOL DISTRICT #505
MINUTES OF SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
November 19, 2007

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Mary Mattison at 7:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Board Members present were Judy Boxx, Mary Mattison, Bryan Vander Yacht, Charlie Crabtree, and student representatives Clare Chambers and Haley Pratt.

ADOPT AGENDA

A motion to adopt the agenda was made by Mary Mattison and seconded by Bryan Vander Yacht. Motion passed.

CONSENT AGENDA

Bryan Vander Yacht made a motion to approve the consent agenda and Mary Mattison seconded the motion. The motion passed.

- A. Minutes for October 17, 2007 meeting
- B. Accounts Payable/Payroll
- C. 2007-08 Budget Status Reports
- D. Enrollment Report

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS

Superintendent Yeomans drew attention to the School District Comparative Data report provided by the NW ESD 189 for school years 2004-05 through 2006-07 that is included with the Budget Status Reports. He said the report shows that the district had an ending fund balance of 3.9% for 2006-07 which is very close to the goal of 4%. Mr. Yeomans also explained the difference between reserved and unreserved fund balances. He also pointed out the enrollment reports which reflect FTE enrollment by each month and a breakdown by schools. Mr. Yeomans thanked departing board member Bryan Vander Yacht and presented him with a Certificate of Appreciation for his years of service. He said a plaque would be given to him at a later date. Special recognition was given to student board representative Haley Pratt, who is a member of the Meridian Girls Cross Country Team. The team took third place in state competition. The Meridian High School Football Team had a 25 game winning streak and played in the state quarter finals, and Meridian Girls Soccer Team took first place in the state. Mr. Yeomans congratulated the successful teams.

Mr. Yeomans reported that the Washington State School Directors Association Conference was excellent, and he said he appreciated the ability to spend time in work session with the members of the school board working on strategic goals.

INFORMATION FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Mary Mattison said the WSSDA Conference was very productive and she appreciated the focus on student achievement and how school boards can lead in that direction. She also said she appreciated the time spent in board work study session discussing system changes. Charlie Crabtree said he enjoyed the community connection workshop he attended that focused on involving the community. He said he also attended a workshop on legislative representation. Bryan Vander Yacht said he thought the board work session was valuable and that he is excited for the district and for the direction it is going. There was discussion on how to distribute and share materials gathered at the conference.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. *Second reading of revision to Board Policy Number 6590 – Sexual Harassment*

There was second reading and discussion of revision to board policy number 6590 – Sexual Harassment. Bryan Vander Yacht made a motion to approve board policy number 6590 and Charlie Crabtree seconded the motion. The motion passed.

B. *Board Policy – Volunteers and Distribution of Information*

There was further discussion of board policy for volunteers and the distribution of information. Mr. Yeomans referenced board policy number 3220 – Freedom of Expression and said distribution of materials was found in the policy.

He said he would follow Charlie Crabtree's suggestion of including school volunteers in the decision making process to help form new policy and procedures.

C. *Designated Authorization for District Credit Card Use*

Mr. Yeomans explained the reason for the need to designate authorized personnel for corporate credit card use. Superintendent Yeomans said he is the primary authorized user on card one and he, Fredrika Smith, Jean Calman and Lilly Megard are designated to authorize the use of the second card. Charlie Crabtree made a motion to approve Mr. Yeomans as the primary authorized user and Tim Yeomans, Fredrika Smith, Jean Calman and Lilly Megard are designated to authorize the use of the second card. Judy Boxx seconded the motion and the motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

A. *Personnel Report*

Charlie Crabtree made a motion to approve the personnel report and Judy Boxx seconded the motion. The motion passed (See attached)

B. *Discussion on future Strategic Planning*

Superintendent Yeomans stated that future strategic planning was one of the topics of the board work study session, and he said the first step will be to modify the administrative structure. He said one principal has indicated plans for retirement as well as the Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment and the Transportation Director. Mr. Yeomans said the Administrative Team will meet the beginning of December to begin the discussion and planning. There was discussion of the Strategic Plan. Mr. Yeomans said that he would schedule the topic for either the December or January board meeting.

BOARD SIGNATURE OF OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The board went into executive session at 7:40 p.m. to discuss the following items:

- A. Superintendent evaluation
- B. Real Property
- C. Legal Issues

The board returned to regular session at 8:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. by Vice Chair Mary Mattison.

Chair of the Board

Timothy S. Yeomans, Superintendent and
Secretary to the Board