

MERIDIAN COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #15
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

September 18, 2017

The Meridian Community Unit School District Board of Education held a regular meeting on Monday, September 18, 2017 in the Board Room. Vice-President Tony Etherton called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. The following Members were present: Tony Etherton, Monte Hogan, Adam Herbert, Matt Roush and Chris Jones. Member Jagger-Taylor entered the meeting at 6:44 p.m. Member Carr was absent. Also present were: Dan Brue, Superintendent; Eric Hurelbrink, High School Principal; Andy Pygott, Middle School Principal; Lori Guebert, Elementary Principal; and Michelle Mathias, Recording Secretary.

The meeting opened with a budget hearing. Mr. Brue began by discussing what the state still owes from the FY17 school year. He then presented the proposed FY18 budget which shows a positive balance for the operating funds. The hearing closed at 6:48 p.m.

In Communications from the Audience, Sonja Coon read a statement with thoughts on sports and the impact it may have on students, in positive and/or negative ways.

Mrs. Guebert announced students of the month for the elementary:

Kindergarten: Ka'Liyah Brown, Ella Hilton, Landri Rowcliff

1st Grade: Maggie Smithers, Jillian Woods, Addison Marion

2nd Grade: Seth Ralston, Brynlie Minix, Addison Czerwonka

3rd Grade: Liam Sheppard, Taylor Kater, Emily Moma

4th Grade: Katelyn Clapp, Alayna Bickel, Alexia Norman

5th Grade: Emma Childers, Reagan Jesse, Sara Butler, Karolyn Spain

Mr. Hurelbrink presented students of the month for the high school: Alexis Rosenberger, Hunter Chumbley, Alyssa Anglin, Aaron Sheumaker, Moriah Renfro, Crystal Sheumaker, Devin Walker, Maggie Hale, Shay Talley, Hallie Gates, Ryan Davis, Delaney Brooks, Emily Peterson, Madison Kirkland, Zach Williams, Cristian Scott, Haley Grimes, Jessica Morgeson, Reagan Hunt, Blake Bowman, Aleshia Lowe, and Gabby Bingaman.

The administrators gave their reports: The elementary students are currently collecting for their annual walk-a-thon. The school had "wear a hat for a donation" last Friday and the students collected \$2065 that was sent to the Port Aransas School in Texas. Tabernacle Church is once again doing the mentoring program with elementary students. Members of the church also landscaped around the flag pole.

PARCC scores were available to view and are in line with the state average. The kindergarten teachers have implemented the state required KIDS training this school year. This program observes students in 14 different measurers and data is submitted to state.

There will be a pep rally held on Friday, Sept. 22 for the middle school softball team before they leave for the state finals. Athletes from last year's state track team will also be recognized. Mr. Pygott also recognized Coach Streeval's coaching record as 138-44 since coaching middle school softball at Meridian.

Homecoming week is September 24-30. The parade will be Wednesday at 6:00 followed by the powder puff game and bonfire. The all district pep rally will be Friday at 1:00 and the homecoming dance will take place Saturday.

Mr. Brue reviewed the enrollment numbers for this school year. Overall we have gained 75 students from last year. He then discussed a facilities request that was given to him after the agenda was complete. It was the consensus to allow the group to begin practice and officially approve the request at next month's meeting. The construction site parking lot on the south side of the elementary school was discussed. This lot was used when construction was taking place and continues to be used by some of the staff members. It was the consensus of the board to eliminate the lot.

Mr. Brue presented the monthly budget analysis using the proposed budget numbers. On a motion by Member Jagger-Taylor, seconded by Member Herbert, the consent was approved which consists of August minutes, August financial reports and September disbursements as follows:

Education	\$311,101.63	Building	\$35,158.03
Transport	\$19,484.97	IMRF	\$10,140.83
Cap Projects	\$1,708.84	Tort	\$169,786.00
Life Safety	\$181.80	TOTAL:	\$547,562.10

Also included is the resignation of John Rude effective the end of 2018-2019 school year and Karen Boyer effective the end of the 2021-2022 school year. Motion carried on a roll call vote 6-0.

The second reading of the proposed updates and revisions to the school board policy was reviewed.

After brief discussion, the Board adopted the FY18 budget on a motion by Member Jagger-Taylor, seconded by Member Roush.

The district will receive approximately \$115,000 in federal IDEA money that is to be used for special education student needs. Mr. Brue presented bid specs for buses to be purchased with these funds. The buses will be equipped for transporting special needs students. Mr. Brue will get bids and present pricing at next month's meeting.

Member Hogan, seconded by Member Jagger-Taylor, motioned to approve the proposed updates and revisions to the school board policy as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote 6-0.

On a motion by Member Jagger-Taylor, seconded by Member Roush, High school graduation was set for May 19, 2018, 5:00 p.m. Motion carried on a roll call vote 6-0.

The Board adopted prevailing wages for the 17-18 school year as presented with a motion by Member Jagger-Taylor, seconded by Member Roush. Motion carried with 6 ayes.

On a motion by Member Jagger-Taylor, seconded by Member Jones, Kylie Hale was hired as middle school co-coach for scholastic bowl team. Motion carried on a roll call vote 6-0.

Member Hogan, seconded by Member Roush, motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on October 16, 2017, 6:30 p.m. in the board room.

Vicki Carr
Board President

Marie Jagger-Taylor
Board Secretary