

# Meridian Public Schools

Board of Education Regular Meeting – Budget Workshop

Meridian Early College High School Learning Lab – Room 403

April 16, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

Present: Michael Bowen, Dennis Cole, Janice Goodall, Debbie Passmore, Stephen Grubaugh, and Ryan Holzinger at 5:38 p.m.  
Absent: Rebecca Hitsman  
Staff: Craig Carmony, Sarah Glann, Dana Weisenberger, Patrick Malley, Kent Boxey, Joshua Hook, and J Cole

## **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m., beginning with the Pledge of Allegiance led by President Michael Bowen.

## **Public Communication**

None

## **Consent Agenda**

Motion by Stephen Grubaugh, supported by Janice Goodall, “I move adoption of the consent agenda as presented.”  
Vote: 5 – yes, 0 – no. Motion Carried.

## **Old Business**

None

## **New Business**

### **Budget Workshop**

Superintendent Carmony stated that there are several areas, such as, Insurance Increases, Foundation Increases, Staffing and Enrollment, that we are focusing on in regards to budget planning for the 2018-2019 school year. He then stated that we are far from done with the process and introduced Director of Business Services, Sarah Glann, to share a power point presentation with the Board of Education. Sarah stated that this is an early projection for next year and the presentation includes the Governor’s and Senate’s proposals only, the House did not approve their proposal in time to be included. Sarah also stated that the foundation allowance per pupil will increase between \$120 and \$230 per pupil based on the current proposals which should put the per pupil allowance close to \$7,861. Director of Business Services Sarah Glann also discussed the 2018-2019 Budget Assumptions with the Board and stated that the District’s Fund Balance is still at a very healthy 11.5%. Superintendent Carmony stated that education and roads continue to be very important issues within the State.

### **Renewal of Enhancement Millage Resolution**

Superintendent Carmony stated that the Enhancement Millage Renewal Resolution must be approved by each local school board in Midland County prior to the meeting with Treasury. He stated that the Enhancement Millage presently generates around \$600,000 in revenue for the district.

Motion by Debbie Passmore, supported by Dennis Cole, “I move that the Meridian Board of Education approve the Enhancement Millage Resolution as presented.”

Vote: 6 – yes, 0 – no. Motion Carried.

#### Renewal of Chartwells Food Service Management Contract

Superintendent Carmoney stated that the food service management contract renewal between Meridian Public Schools and Chartwells Dining Services requires Board approval. He stated that MDE has agreed that this agreement with Chartwells, that is for a period of one year, July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019, should be renewed. He also stated that our food service department has continued to expand with the Summer Program and the after-school SPARKS program and we are very grateful to have Robin running our food service program.

Motion by Dennis Cole, supported by Ryan Holzinger, "I move that the Meridian Board of Education approve the renewal of the Food Service Management Contract with Chartwells for a period of one year, July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019, with the option to renew for one more year."

Vote: 6 – yes, 0 – no. Motion Carried.

#### Sex Education Elementary Curriculum Recommendation

Superintendent Carmoney stated that the Sex Education Advisory Board is recommending the approval of sex education resources at Meridian Elementary School, the resources consist of two videos that are age appropriate and focus on maturation issues. He then introduced Dr. Johnathon Gould, Chairman of the Sex Education Advisory Board, who stated that the committee has met three times since last October to discuss, review, and fine tune the Elementary resources in detail. Elementary Principal Joshua Hook stated that the feedback was very good at the two required public hearings that have been held; he stated that Elementary parents have requested to have the link to the 20 minute videos in order for them to preview them and have better discussions with their children.

Motion by Ryan Holzinger, supported by Stephen Grubaugh, "I move that the Meridian Board of Education approve the Elementary Sex Education Curriculum resources as presented."

Vote: 6 – yes, 0 – no. Motion Carried.

#### Math Fundamental Quiz Report – High School Senior Carson Yahrmarkt

Superintendent Carmoney stated that this presentation is the culmination of Carson's work to assist our math teachers in improving students' fundamental math skills through common assessments, data analysis, and strategic targeted interventions. He then introduced High School Principal Patrick Malley who stated that Carson's presentation to the Board of Education fulfills both his senior project and exit interview requirements because the scope of his work has been so beneficial to our school. Carson stated that he has been a teaching assistant to High School Math Facilitator Miss Deal and that this project consists of common assessment quizzes given every two weeks to all high school students that have a math class on campus to determine gaps in their fundamental math skills. Carson then stated that he analyzes the assessment data to help the Math facilitators determine what specific needs certain students, or an entire class, may have. The facilitator then works with the students to build up their math skills in that area. Carson then shared a slide presentation with the Board of Education detailing his Math Fundamental Quiz project that he has worked on for the past 2 years and stated that his results show overall growth in fundamental math skills when comparing this school year to last school year. Board President Bowen congratulated Carson on his work on this huge project and stated that this was one of the best presentations he has ever seen. High School Principal Malley thanked Carson for all of his hard work and dedication to this project.

#### Teacher Retirement – Barbara Hoffman

Superintendent Carmoney stated that Junior High School Teacher, Barb Hoffman, is retiring at the end of this school year with 33 years of service. He stated that she has been here at Meridian Public Schools for 24 years as a Junior High Social Studies teacher and we want to thank her for supporting our students during her career and we wish her the best in her retirement. Junior High Principal Kent Boxey stated that Barb is going to be greatly missed, she is a quiet leader with wonderful classroom management skills and a perfect personality for Junior High age students.

Motion by Ryan Holzinger, supported by Debbie Passmore, "I move that the Meridian Board of Education accept the retirement of Barbara Hoffman effective the end of the school day, June 7, 2018."

Vote: 6 – yes, 0 – no. Motion Carried.

#### Transportation Student/Parent Handbook Approval

Superintendent Carmoney stated that our Director of Operations, Gordon Melchi, has compiled data from other districts and has put together a Meridian Public Schools Student/Parent Handbook that includes important information for a safe and orderly transportation system. Sarah stated that this was one of the recommendations of the Transportation Committee and that the handbook will be effective the beginning of the 2018-2019 school year and includes a signature page at the very back. Board Member Debbie Passmore suggested a few clarifications on page 8 of the handbook in the Permanent and Temporary Changes sections, as well as, suggesting that the "special circumstances" sentence in the middle of the page be changed to "emergency circumstances". Member Passmore also suggested that School District Responsibilities #4, page 9, be worded differently and that Bus Drivers Action, page 15, include a "Step 5" because it is listed in the paragraph above it. The Board Members decided to Table this item and to discuss it again at the next meeting and possibly make a motion at that time.

#### Closed Executive Session – Superintendent Evaluation

Superintendent Carmoney stated that the Board of Education will enter into Closed Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the evaluation of the Superintendent.

Motion by Debbie Passmore, supported by Ryan Holzinger, "I move that the Meridian Board of Education enter into Closed Executive Session to discuss the evaluation of the Superintendent at 6:40 p.m."

Roll Call Vote: 6 – yes, 0 – no. Motion Carried.

The Board of Education returned to Open Session at 6:46 p.m.

#### Closed Executive Session – Negotiation Strategy

Superintendent Carmoney stated that the Board of Education will enter into Closed Executive Session for the purpose of discussing negotiation strategy as permitted under the Open Meetings Act.

Motion by Debbie Passmore, supported by Stephen Grubaugh, "I move that the Meridian Board of Education enter into Closed Executive Session to discuss negotiation strategy at 6:47 p.m."

Roll Call Vote: 6 – yes, 0 – no. Motion Carried.

The Board of Education returned to Open Session at 7:05 p.m.

#### Announcements/Communications from Board Members or Superintendent

Superintendent Carmoney stated that Bond Proposal information is now available on the website and he added that the Bond Community Forums start this next week for anyone who would like more information.

Motion by Ryan Holzinger, supported by Debbie Passmore, "I move to Adjourn at 7:06 p.m."

Vote: 6 – yes, 0 – no. Motion Carried.

Dennis J. Cole, Secretary,  
Meridian Board of Education