

# Meridian Public Schools

Board of Education Regular Meeting

Meridian Early College High School Learning Lab – Room 403

October 15, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Michael Bowen, Dennis Cole, Rebecca Hitsman, Janice Goodall, Deborah Passmore, Stephen Grubaugh and Ryan Holzinger at 7:08 p.m.

Absent: None

Staff: Craig Carmoney, Sarah Glann, Dana Weisenberger, Joshua Hook and Jared Goff

## **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m., beginning with the Pledge of Allegiance led by President Michael Bowen.

## **Public Communications**

Republican Annette Glenn, candidate for the 98<sup>th</sup> District House of Representatives seat in the November election was in attendance to introduce herself and shared with the Board Members that she is doing her research to understand the issues facing education.

## **Consent Agenda**

Motion by Rebecca Hitsman, supported by Stephen Grubaugh, “I move adoption of the consent agenda as presented.”

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

## **Old Business**

None

## **New Business**

### **Meridian 2017-2018 Final Audit**

Superintendent Carmoney stated that the Finance Committee met with Bill Hirschman, Senior Auditor of Roslund, Prestage and Company before the Board meeting to go through the Financial Statements and Supplemental information in detail and everything is in order. He stated that our Director of Business Services, Sarah Glann, does a great job with our district finances. Sarah stated that the 2017-2018 Final Audit shows that the district has an unassigned Fund Balance of approximately 15% which is a very healthy range and she also stated that our Food Service program was selected for the Single Audit of a Major Federal program and everything was in order with this program as well.

Motion by Stephen Grubaugh, supported by Janice Goodall, “I move that the Meridian Board of Education approve and accept the Final 2017-2018 Financial Audit as presented.”

Vote: 7 – yes, 0 – no. Motion Carried.

### Strategic Plan Update

Superintendent Carmoney stated that he is meeting with Dick Dolinski this week to work out the details and timeline for the development of our next Strategic Plan. He stated that Dick has agreed to assist us once again with the development of our Strategic Plan and surveys will be going out to determine committee members and the areas of the Strategic Plan they want to be involved with. Superintendent Carmoney stated that the rough timeline is to start with the surveys and committees in November and wrap up in early spring with Dick Dolinski presenting at a Board meeting.

### 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 Ryan Holzinger, supported by Stephen Grubaugh, “I move that the Board of Education enter into Closed Executive Session to discuss the evaluation of the Superintendent at 7:28 p.m.”

Roll Call Vote: 7 – yes, 0 – no. Motion Carried.

Returned to Open Session at 7:40 p.m.

### Announcements/Communications from Board Members or Superintendent

Superintendent Carmoney stated that he has a few items to share with the Board; he stated that 2 of the items have to do with the November election coming up. He wanted to remind the Board members that the School Resource Officer Proposal will be on the ballot and he shared the pamphlet that Midland County had created on the facts of this proposal. Superintendent Carmoney also shared some alarming facts on the hot issue of the Legalization of Marijuana and stated that marijuana today with its higher THC levels is not the same as the marijuana from 30-40 years ago, especially with the edible forms that are out there today. Lastly, Superintendent Carmoney shared a Threat Assessment Document that the Clare-Gladwin RESD prepared and we have adopted as an Administration team to assist us when dealing with threats in our schools. He stated that it is hard to balance communication with doing our jobs and not create more panic.

Motion by Ryan Holzinger, supported by Rebecca Hitsman, “I move to Adjourn at 7:41 p.m.”

Vote: 7 – yes, 0 – no. Motion Carried.

Dennis J. Cole,  
Secretary, Meridian Board of Education