

# Meridian Public Schools

Board of Education Regular Meeting

Meridian Early College High School Learning Lab – Room 403

November 19, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Michael Bowen, Dennis Cole, Rebecca Hitsman, Janice Goodall, Stephen Grubaugh and Deborah Passmore  
Absent: Ryan Holzinger  
Staff: Craig Carmoney, Sarah Glann, Dana Weisenberger, Patrick Malley, Kent Boxey 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**

Melissa Seward, Elementary parent, stated her concern regarding bullying on the Elementary school playground and the need for more outdoor supervision during recess to keep the students safe. President Bowen thanked her for attending the meeting and stated that the Board will look into this matter; he stated that they take bullying very seriously.

## **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**

### **Transportation Handbook Discussion – Potential Changes**

Superintendent Carmoney stated that at this time last year, the Board established a committee that recommended changes that were then implemented in our 2018-2019 Student/Parent Transportation Handbook. He stated that he has received a lot of negative feedback on the 72 hour rule for temporary changes to an existing stop resulting in a bus pass. Superintendent Carmoney stated that sometimes parents do not receive work schedules until the end of one week that go into effect the following Monday and he feels that we need to be more flexible and accommodating in this area. He stated that the 72 hour rule is not always feasible and maybe it should be changed to something like 24 hours.

Superintendent Carmoney then asked for Board direction and the Board of Education suggested that the Transportation Committee discuss this issue and bring updated Handbook language to the Board for approval. The Board Members agreed that there should be the right to refuse if the bus is already at full

capacity and for the handbook to state that if the situation is abused, the ultimate decision is at the discretion of the Superintendent.

#### January Board Meeting Dates

Superintendent Carmoney stated that we need to approve the January Board meeting dates. He stated that we need to have two meetings in January, one on Monday, January 7, 2019 for the Organizational meeting and Strategic Planning with Dick Dolinski and then a regular January Board meeting on Monday, January 21, 2019 which we will need for the awarding of the construction bids and all other regular business. Superintendent Carmoney also stated that Dick Dolinski will be at the December meeting to go over the Strategic Planning Process and the survey results in order to get us ready for the January 7, 2019 meeting.

Motion by Deborah Passmore, supported by Dennis Cole, "I move that the two January Board meetings be scheduled for Monday, January 7, 2019 and Monday, January 21, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Meridian Early College High School Learning Lab."

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

#### 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 Stephen Grubaugh, supported by Rebecca Hitsman, "I move that the Board of Education enter into Closed Executive Session to discuss the evaluation of the Superintendent at 7:35 p.m."

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

Returned to Open Session at 9:24 p.m.

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

Superintendent Carmoney stated that everything is moving forward and on track in terms of the Bond construction planning; he stated that so far the number estimates look pretty good for the Auditorium and Auxiliary Gym. He also discussed the Security Grant and what it will allow us to do in all of our district buildings in terms of security.

Board Member Passmore discussed the MASB Conference that she attended. She stated that she really enjoyed 2 of the sessions, learned a lot and has prepared a summary that she will share with the other Board members.

Motion by Rebecca Hitsman, supported by Stephen Grubaugh, "I move to Adjourn at 9:25 p.m."

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

Dennis J. Cole,  
Secretary, Meridian Board of Education