

**MERIDIAN COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 15
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**

April 19, 2022

The Meridian Community Unit School District No. 15 Board of Education held a regular meeting on Tuesday, April 19, 2022, in the Board Room, Macon Campus. Vice-President Clint Gorden called the meeting to order at 6:43 p.m. The following Members were in attendance: Clint Gorden, Kara Morey, Chris Jones and Rebecca Kraft. Members Herbert and Roush were absent. Member Hogan entered at 6:53 p.m. Also in attendance were: Andy Pygott, Superintendent; Eric Hurelbrink, High School Principal; Mindy McGuire, Middle School Principal; Lori Guebert, Elementary Principal; and Michelle Miller, Recording Secretary.

Meridian Elementary February Students of the Month:

Kindergarten- Amelia LeVault, Brooklyn Keller, Audrey Diefendorf

1st Grade- Dexter King, Chloe Talley, Erabella Knutt, Jaxon Perrey

2nd Grade- Delanie Clark, Anastasia Raelynn Jaco-Tudor, Noah Hall, Harper McGuire

3rd Grade- Kasara Moody, William Pistorius, Kynleigh Gillen, Kaia Arndt

4th Grade- Harlee Grider, Jackson Manon, Makinzi Boring

5th Grade- Draven Anderson, Chance Lewis, Brayden Danbury

High School Students of the Month:

Alexis Tish, Lucas Clapp, Haylee Mayes, Jaden Starr, Robbie Sheumaker, Ysabella Zaragoza, Zoe Pramuk, Katelynn Grunden, Danaysha McMillen, Amaia Fuller, Wyatt Wilcox, Quincy Markham, Tucker Parks, Maria Steiling, Treyton Stockton, Destiny Marquis, Paul Ralston, Madilyn Kapchinske, Chris Wiley-Nance, Connor Daundivier, Landon Miller, Lexi & Laney Jones,

Administrators gave their reports:

Congratulations to Addison Marion who placed 2nd place in 5th grade at the Regional Contig Contest. Cailyn Burgess, Jensen Dawson & Maggie Smithers also qualified to compete in the competition. Madison Briggs & Kaci Hayes represented the middle school with Gabby Horve the alternate.

The middle school student council students made care packages for substitute teachers. Congratulations to the Moana Jr. cast, Mr. Pekovitch and Ms. Hagan for a successful play. Academic Challenge students competed in the State competition. Students on the team include: Drew Hurelbrink, Laney Jones, Lexi Jones, Keagan Kantor, Cole Rappe, Madison Sapp, Maria Steiling, Markus Jesse, Katelyn Martin, Avril Morrell, Matt Parker, Zoe Pramuk, Emmy Renfro, and Lola Shearer Davidson.

Lexi Jones will be recognized on May 2 as Meridian's Illinois Principal's Association Outstanding Scholar.

Madison Sapp and Cole Rappe will be at the MCRSHA Student Recognition lunch.

Katy Hendricks and Drew Hurelbrink will be recognized at the CIC Scholar Athletes lunch.

Superintendent Report:

Follow-up- Thompson Electronics began installation of audio/visual equipment at the elementary school, funded by a grant.

Other- Mr. Pygott will attend the Apptegy School CEO conference in May. Fee for the conference is covered by a grant. The school website/apps are thru Apptegy.

The passage of the state budget includes an increase in funding for school district's state aid and categorial grants.

Meridian was notified of additional state EBF disbursements this school year in the amount of \$94,052.84 due to an error in calculations by a third party vendor for the state.

A representative from Refreshment Services (Pepsi) presented a proposal for their services. More information will be provided in Board updates.

On a motion by Member Gorden, seconded by Member Morey, the consent agenda was approved which includes the regular meeting minutes of March 21st and special board meetings of March 23rd, March 30th, April 5th, April 6th, April 13th ; March financial reports, and April disbursements as follows:

Education	\$125,193.85	Building	\$29,522.10
Transport	\$32,188.04	Tort	\$159.53
Life Safety	\$153.38	TOTAL	\$187,216.90(does not include payroll)

Also included are the following resignations: Dustin Clark, MDL boys' basketball coach; John Enlow, MDL boys' assistant basketball coach; Dalton Collins, HS boys' assistant basketball coach; Maggie Comerford, HS girls' assistant basketball coach; Kelsey Knopp, HS special education teacher; Kaylee Booker-Smith, Pre-K special education aide. Motion carried on a roll call vote 5-0.

The budget analysis was presented.

Mr. Pygott will begin the waiver process to utilize full in-service days vs. ½ in-service days.

Summer school will take place for all three schools this year. Cost will be covered by ESSER funds.

The Athletic Committee met March 24 to review winter sport coaching evaluations. All coaches evaluated favorably.

The Buildings & Transportation Committee held meetings on March 24 and April 14. Two members of the Ag Foundation attended the April meeting along with the architect from Upchurch. The bid process for the Ag facility will begin in June.

There was question on the status of the middle school gym roof and the grant money received for work on the roof. King Lar is scheduled to access the roof to see if there is a temporary fix until the price for a metal roof decreases. The \$50,000 matching grant from the state will need to be returned if not used by September 30.

The district calendar committee met and presented a proposal for the 2022-2023 school year. The proposed calendar has a start date of August 16. It was the consensus of the Board to move the start date to August 18 then adjust the ending date accordingly. On a motion by Member Jones, seconded by Member Morey, the Board approved the 2022-2023 school calendar with noted amendments. Motion carried on a roll call vote 5-0.

Member Morey, seconded by Member Gorden, motioned to approve the Consolidated District Plan for 2022-23. Motion carried 5-0. This is required to receive grant funding.

The motion to approve the auditor agreement was tabled to give the auditor ample time to provide a proposal.

On a motion by Member Morey, seconded by Member Jones, the meeting adjourned to executive session at 7:38 p.m. for the purpose of discussing matters pertaining to the employment, appointment, or dismissal of specific employees or officers, purchase or sale of property, pending legal matters, student discipline, and negotiations. Motion carried on a roll call vote 5-0.

The Board returned to open session at 8:43 p.m. on a motion by Member Gorden, seconded by Member Morey. Motion carried 5-0.

Madison Craig was approved as elementary teacher for 2022-2023 school year on a motion by Member Gorden, seconded by Member Jones. Motion carried on a roll call vote 5-0.

On a motion by Member Kraft, seconded by Member Jones, the Board approved Jessica Dalby as District Social Worker for 2022-2023 school year. Motion carried on a roll call vote 5-0.

On a motion by Member Jones, seconded by Member Kraft, the Board approved Brian Britton as middle school math teacher for 2022-2023 school year. Motion carried on a roll call vote 5-0.

Shannon Kirby was approved as high school girl's volleyball assistant coach for 2022-2023 school year on a motion by Member Morey and seconded by Member Kraft. Motion carried on a roll call vote 5-0.

Member Morey, seconded by Member Gorden, motioned to re-hire the following coaches: Shannon Houser, high school boy's basketball; Traci Friel, middle school girl's basketball; Mary Jane Hayes, middle school volleyball. Motion carried on a roll call vote 5-0.

Member Jones, seconded by Member Gorden, motioned to approve Anna Enlow and Connor Daundivier for 2022 summer mowing. Motion carried on a roll call vote 5-0.

The Board approved the non-certified pay increase for 2022-2023 as presented on a motion by Member Morey, seconded by Member Jones. Motion carried 5-0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m. with a motion by Member Jones, seconded by Member Kraft. Motion carried with 5 ayes. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Monday, May 16, 2022, 6:30 p.m. in the Board room.

Monte Hogan, Board President

Rebecca Kraft, Board Secretary