

MERIDIAN COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #15
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

July 15, 2019

The Meridian Community Unit School District Board of Education held a regular meeting on Monday, July 15, 2019 in the Board Room. President Chris Jones called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. The following Members were present: Chris Jones, Becca Kraft, Clint Gorden, Adam Herbert, Monte Hogan and Matt Roush. Member Morey was absent. Also present were: Dan Brue, Superintendent; Eric Hurelbrink, High School Principal; Andy Pygott, Middle School Principal; Lori Guebert, Elementary School Principal; Michelle Miller, Recording Secretary.

Mr. Pygott discussed the new digital yearbooks for the middle school. Mr. O'Brien and his 2nd semester computer class worked on this project. The yearbooks can be found by visiting www.meridianhawks.net, middle school, menu, MS Digital Yearbooks.

Administrators gave their reports. Mrs. Guebert was pleased to announce that the pre-k program earned a Gold Circle rating from the state. The middle school was notified that they will host the state tournament for 4A girls basketball and the 1A 7th Boys Basketball this year. Registration for the district will be held August 6. There will be an Ag Program Open House on August 23. Green & White Night will follow at 7:00 with introductions of all fall teams at 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Brue presented the end of year figures. The district finished in the black. He also presented a performance history of the budget since 2013-14. On a motion by Member Herbert, seconded by Member Roush, the consent agenda was approved which consists of June minutes, June financials and July disbursements as follows:

Education	\$415,544.06	Building	\$41,510.00
Transport	\$16,623.64	IMRF	\$8407.87
Tort	\$39,746.00	Life Safety	\$14,389.26
TOTAL	\$536,220.83 (only includes one payroll)		

Also included is the resignation of Nathan Farnsworth as district mechanic. Motion carried on a roll call vote 6-0.

The Transportation Committee met this month and reviewed what was discussed. The committee set duties of the future mechanic and discussed the process of washing and waxing the buses each summer.

Member Jones presented the Board with a handout that included all the Board Sub-Committees, a summary of what each committee does and the members included. The following committees will meet prior to the August board meeting: Athletic Committee to review the athletic policy and the Policy Committee to discuss board goals, board/district policy, Superintendent Rubric, handbooks.

On a motion by Member Hogan, seconded by Member Herbert, the Board approved a bid from Prairie Farms as the district's milk provider and Kohl Wholesale as the food provider for the 2019-2020 school year. Motion carried on a roll call vote 6-0.

Mr. Brue presented a document with final figures for the 2018-2019 lunch program. He also presented a tentative budget for 2019-2020. There was discussion on what will be levied next year.

Building & Transportation Update: The new bathroom at the elementary school is near completion. The lettering on the football concession will be replaced by Dynagraphics. Foremost has agreed to change the oil in the buses if need be before a district mechanic is hired. There is also a mechanic from another school district coming to inspect the bus brakes.

Member Roush, seconded by Member Hogan, motioned to appoint People's Bank of Macon, The First National Bank of Pana and Busey Bank as the school district depositors for the 2019-2020 school year. Motion carried on a roll call vote 6-0.

Member Hogan, seconded by Member Herbert, motioned to approve Tracy, Braun, Funk and Miller as legal counsel for the 2019-2020 school year. Motion carried on a roll call vote 6-0.

The middle school officials pay was set as presented on a motion by Member Herbert, seconded by Member Hogan. Motion carried on a roll call vote 6-0.

Member Gorden, seconded by Member Herbert, motioned to adjourn to executive session at 8:23 p.m. for the purpose of discussing matters pertaining to the employment, appointment, evaluation or dismissal of specific employees or officers, purchase or sale of property, pending legal matters, student discipline and negotiations. All were in favor.

On a motion by Member Roush, seconded by Member Herbert, the board returned to open session at 9:35 p.m.

Member Roush, seconded by Member Herbert, motioned to employ Lindsay Evenson as RTI Aide for the 2019-2020 school year. Motion carried on a roll call vote 6-0.

Debra Harbarger and Heather Secker were hired as bus drivers for the 2019-2020 school year on a motion by Member Roush, seconded by Member Hogan. Motion carried on a roll call vote 6-0.

On a motion by Member Roush, seconded by Member Herbert, the board approved the following volunteer assistant coaches for the 2019-2020 season:

Brandon Windell, Kyle Woolington and Jason Babb for MDL girls basketball

Justin Hendrian, Brad Austin and Jared Gifford for MDL baseball

John Enlow and Gracie Brookens for MDL softball

Megan Hill for HS cheerleading

Chris Wilson and Brock Barnes for football

Motion carried with 6 ayes.

Jennifer Skorzak was hired as part time library aide/cashier for the 2019-2020 school year on a motion by Member Roush, seconded by Member Gorden. Motion carried on a roll call vote 6-0.

Member Roush, seconded by Member Gorden, motioned to hire Ponce Palmer as HS baseball coach for 2019-2020 school year. Motion carried on roll call vote 6-0.

On a motion by Member Roush, seconded by Member Gorden, Susan Hagan was hired as K-12 vocal music teacher for 2019-2020 school year. Motion carried on a roll call vote 6-0.

Member Roush, seconded by Member Herbert, motioned to hire Connor Gross as asst. boys MDL basketball coach for 2019-2020 school year. Motion carried on a roll call vote 6-0.

Chris Jones presented a letter from the board attorney dated June 27, 2019 concerning closed session confidentiality. The letter was presented to every person present.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m. on a motion by Member Herbert, seconded by Member Roush. The next regularly scheduled meeting is August 12, 2019.

Chris Jones
Board President

Rebecca Kraft
Board Secretary