

MERIDIAN COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #15
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

August 29, 2019

The Meridian Community Unit School District Board of Education held a special meeting on Thursday, August 29, 2019 in the Board Room. President Chris Jones called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. The following Members were present: Chris Jones, Becca Kraft, Clint Gorden, Adam Herbert, Monte Hogan and Matt Roush. Also present were: Andy Pygott, Superintendent and Michelle Miller, Recording Secretary.

On a motion by Member Herbert, seconded by Member Roush, the Board accepted the consent agenda which consists of August 12, 2019 minutes, the resignation of Elana Miller as bus driver, the resignation of Tara Brue as library aide, the retirement of Bob Hunter, Maintenance Assistant, effective October 31, 2019, and the irrevocable letter of retirement for Mary Jane Hayes effective at the end of 2022-2023 school year. Motion carried on a roll call vote 6-0.

Mr. Pygott presented the proposed budget for the 2019-2020 school year. It was the consensus of the Board to supplement the building and transportation funds versus the education fund for upcoming expenses. Mr. Pygott will adjust as suggested.

The first reading of the Board Policy Updates were presented. The policy committee met in July and reviewed the proposed changes. Member Kraft highlighted a few of the policies that the committee has added additional edits.

Maintenance items on the agenda were discussed during the facilities tour prior to the meeting. A few of those items included a batting cage for the middle school baseball diamond which will be paid for by the Baseball Activity Fund. Keith Clark, maintenance, is obtaining quotes for repair of the old roof. The district will apply for a maintenance grant to help with this expense. Mr. Pygott is in contact with Reliable Environmental in regards to the state requirement of submitting paperwork regarding asbestos. Reliable is confident that after construction there is no asbestos left in the remodeled section of the building.

On a motion by Member Kraft, seconded by Member Roush, the Board approved the revisions and updates to the Meridian CUSD #15 bus policy. Motion carried on a roll call vote 6-0.

Member Roush, seconded by Member Gorden, motion to adjourn to executive session at 8:21 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. Motion carried with 6 ayes.

Member Morey entered the meeting at 8:21 p.m.

The Board returned to open session at 8:34 on a motion by Member Morey, seconded by Member Roush.

Member Herbert, seconded by Member Roush, motioned to hire Blake Bowman as part-time custodian for the 2019-2020 school year. Motion carried on a roll call vote 7-0.

On a motion by Member Roush, seconded by Member Hogan, the Board employed Eric Hurelbrink as full-time High School Athletic Director for the 2019-2020 school year with a total stipend of \$10,000. Motion carried on a roll call vote 7-0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 on a motion by Member Roush, seconded by Member Gorden. Motion carried with 6 ayes.

Chris Jones
Board President

Rebecca Kraft
Board Secretary