

MERIDIAN COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #15  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

*August 12, 2019*

The Meridian Community Unit School District Board of Education held a regular meeting on Monday, August 12, 2019 in the Board Room. President Chris Jones called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The following Members were present: Chris Jones, Becca Kraft, Clint Gorden, Adam Herbert, Kara Morey, Monte Hogan and Matt Roush. Also present were: Andy Pygott, Superintendent; Eric Hurelbrink, High School Principal; Mindy McGuire, Middle School Principal; Lori Guebert, Elementary School Principal; Michelle Miller, Recording Secretary and Regina Ward.

Bethany McCoy addressed the Board in regards to her son who would like to play soccer. He is a homeschooled student that lives in the Meridian district. She is willing to provide all necessary documents and comply with IHSA requirements in order for him to participate.

Administrators gave their reports: The elementary enrollment is currently 427. Back to school night is August 15<sup>th</sup>, 5:30-7:00. The pre-k program is at maximum enrollment with 80 students. All administrators were very grateful to On the Green Lawn Care and Men Macon a Difference for their generous donation of school supplies. Current enrollment for the middle school is 258. Open House for parents/guardians of middle school students will be August 27, 6:45 p.m. The high school enrollment at this time is 278. All fall sports have begun official practice. The athletic committee met in July to discuss/revise the Athletic Code.

On behalf of the maintenance report, Mr. Pygott reported that the new shelving in the band room is complete.

Mr. Pygott continues to get acclimated to his new position. He has reached out to or met with many individuals in the past week in regards to current happenings in the district.

On a motion by Member Gorden, seconded by Member Herbert, the consent agenda was approved which consists of meeting minutes from July 15, 2019; special meeting minutes from July 31, 2019; August 2, 2019; August 5, 2019; August 8, 2019; July financials and August disbursements as follows:

Education	\$16,735.47	Building	\$19,381.27
Transportation	\$5,080.74	Total:	\$41,197.48

(This does not include payroll). Also included is the resignation of Don Inman as custodian. Motion carried on a roll call vote 7-0.

The district is in need of a Health Life Safety Survey. A quote from UpChurch was presented and Mr. Pygott will obtain one or two more quotes before a decision is made.

The budget is in progress. The Board will need to schedule a special meeting before the end of August to adopt a tentative budget.

The elementary bathrooms are complete and the invoice has been received. There was discussion on where the funds will be taken from for this payment. A decision will be made at the special meeting after viewing the proposed budget. The Board will also take a facilities tour prior to the meeting.

The Activities Committee met to discuss the Middle School & High School Athletic/Activity Code. On a motion by Member Roush, seconded by Member Morey, the revisions for the Meridian Middle School and High School Athletic/Activity Code were accepted as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote 7-0.

Member Roush, seconded by Member Morey, motioned to accept the revisions for the Meridian High School Alcohol/Drug Abuse/Illegal Activity Policy as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote 7-0.

The Teacher and Administrator Compensation Report for the 18-19 school year was approved on a motion by Member Roush, seconded by Member Morey. Motion carried with 7 ayes.

On a motion by Member Roush, seconded by Member Gorden, the facilities request from Prairieland Tumbling was approved pending certification of insurance. Motion carried with 7 ayes.

The meeting adjourned to executive session at 7:41 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 on a motion by Member Roush, seconded by Member Herbert. Motion carried on a roll call vote 7-0.

On a motion by Member Herbert, seconded by Member Roush, the Board returned to open session at 8:54 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

The Board employed Garth Luka as Transportation Mechanic for the 2019-2020 school year on a motion by Member Herbert, seconded by Member Hogan. Motion carried on a roll call vote 7-0.

Shannon Probst was hired as HS girl's assistant basketball coach for the 2019-2020 school year on a motion by Member Morey, seconded by Member Hogan. Motion carried on a roll call vote 7-0.

Member Morey, seconded by Member Hogan, motioned to approve Shannon Probst as MDL girl's volunteer assistant basketball coach for the 2019-2020 school year. Motion carried 7-0.

On a motion by Member Hogan, seconded by Member Herbert, John Enlow was employed as Maintenance Technician for the 2019-2020 school year. Motion carried on a roll call vote 7-0.

Kelly Jenkins was employed as district bus driver for the 2019-2020 school year on a motion by Member Hogan, seconded by Member Gorden. Motion carried on a roll call vote 7-0.

On a motion by Member Herbert, seconded by Member Hogan, the Board adopted the Resolution Reduction in Force of an Educational Support Personnel, Tara Brue, as presented and that the Superintendent be authorized and directed to deliver or cause to be delivered the Notice to the employee as specified in the Resolution. Motion carried on a roll call vote 7-0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m. on a motion by Member Morey, seconded by Member Herbert.  
The next regularly scheduled meeting will be September 16, 2019, 6:30 p.m.

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Chris Jones  
Board President

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Rebecca Kraft  
Board Secretary