

MERIDIAN COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #15
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

September 16, 2019

The Meridian Community Unit School District Board of Education held a regular meeting on Monday, September 16, 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. Member Matt Roush entered at 6:43 p.m. 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.

The meeting began with the 2019-2020 budget hearing. There were no comments from the audience.

Mr. Pygott highlighted the presentation to the Meridian Ag Foundation that took place last Monday. Roberta Gorden, a member of the Meridian community, generously donated funds to the Ag Foundation for the funding of a new greenhouse.

Students of the Month for the Elementary:

K- Jennings Beasley, Elizabeth Noland, Wren Pfeiffer, Laura Nottingham

1st- McKenna Johnson, Harper White, Brody Johnson, Laycie Redding

2nd- Ka'Liyah Brown, Maxine Palmer, Hunter Crutchfield

3rd- Amelia Brown, Chance Lewis, Leticia Oliveria

4th- Jenna Temple, Cameron Dean, Rylin Hall

5th –Gigi Pramuk, Shyanne Payne, Molly Burgess, Javin Lawson

High School Students of the Month:

Devynn Egbert, Austin Clark, Zoey Hayes, Madison Bertolis, Kaylin Moreland, Alex Boehm, Tommy Ozier, Robbie Sheumaker, Blake Hunley, Jacob Jones, Mallory Scurlock, Drew Hurelbrink, Crystal Sheumaker

Administrators gave their reports. The Village of Blue Mound has hired a crossing guard and created a cross walk at the corner of Lewis and High streets to ensure the safety of the elementary students. The officer for Blue Mound is also monitoring speeding in the area. The elementary PTO annual walk-a-thon fundraiser is in progress. The students will walk on September 27th.

The Middle School fundraiser is also in progress. This year the students are selling raffle tickets for an October Raffle with drawings every day during the month of October. The middle school and high school are implementing a new Monday schedule this school year. The extra time first hour will be used for Restorative Justice practices, allowing teachers to connect with the students.

Financial Aid Night for seniors and their parents is scheduled for September 18. The following students were selected to represent Meridian at the Young Leaders in Action program: Lucas Clapp, Drew Hurelbrink, Katleyn Lowery, Alexandra Martin, Madison Sapp and Haylee Wilson.

Homecoming schedule: Parade Wednesday, October 9, 5:30 p.m.; All District Assembly Friday, October 11; Dance Saturday, October 12, 7:00 p.m.

There was discussion on what each school building did to recognize 9-11 and the importance of discussing those events from that day with our students.

Exelon provided a \$500 grant through the Meridian JFL. This money will be used to purchase field paint for the football field as part of JFL's thank you for allowing them to use the facilities.

Millikin University's girls' basketball team has inquired about using the gym one or two evenings in November as they did last year. They hold a practice then interact with our girls' basketball team. It was the consensus of the board to allow them to do this practice again this year.

Superintendent Report: Mr. Pygott presented a spreadsheet as requested by the Board displaying income received from registration fees. Andy has reached out to the district auditors in regards to the Alternate Revenue Bonds not being counted in the outstanding bond debt for the district. After attending a Regional Crisis Response Team meeting at the Regional Office, school safety plans have been reviewed. All schools have a solid plan of action in place. Mr. Pygott will work on a district plan.

On a motion by Member Roush, seconded by Member Gorden, the consent agenda was approved which consists of August 29, 2019 minutes, August financial reports and September disbursements which are as follows:

Education	\$177,934.54	Building	\$39,380.86
Transportation	\$18,021.00	Tort	\$4,387.22
TOTAL	\$239,723.62 (does not include payroll)		

It also includes the resignations of Brandy Kunz as bus driver and Tina Gotts as bus monitor. Motion carried on a roll call vote 7-0.

The second reading of updated Board Policy Updates was presented.

On a motion by Member Herbert, seconded by Member Hogan, the FY20 Meridian School District budget was approved. Motion carried on a roll call vote 7-0.

Update on ongoing projects: Clarification that the district office roof needs replaced. The company that looked at the roof said it is beyond fixing. Reliable will provide documentation needed to submit to the state to clear the district from the 3 year asbestos inspection. Rich Leihser and Phil Crackle met with Mr. Pygott in regards to the fuel contract for the district.

Member Morey, seconded by Member Roush, motioned to set Meridian High School Graduation for May 16, 2020, 5:00 p.m. Motion carried with 7 ayes.

The Board Policies were approved as presented on a motion by Member Roush, seconded by Member Kraft. Motion carried on a roll call vote 7-0.

On a motion by Member Gorden, seconded by Member Morey, Bethany Briggs was hired as a part time bus monitor. Motion carried on a roll call vote 7-0.

The meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m. on a motion by Member Roush, seconded by Member Morey. All were in favor.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be October 21, 2019, 6:30 p.m.

Chris Jones, Board President

Rebecca Kraft, Board Secretary