

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

January 21, 2020

The Meridian Community Unit School District No. 15 Board of Education held a regular meeting on Tuesday, January 21, 2020, 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, Kara Morey, Monte Hogan and Matt Roush. Members Gorden and Herbert were absent. Also present were: Andy Pygott, Superintendent; Lori Guebert, Elementary Principal; Mindy McGuire, Middle School Principal and Michelle Miller, Recording Secretary.

The following first semester Board Scholars were recognized:

Freshmen: Blake Hunley, Katelyn Martin, Kaylin Moreland, Avril Morrell, Zoe Pramuk, Emily Renfro, Lola Davidson, Hailey Wilson

Sophomores: Eloise Fitzpatrick, Drew Hurelbrink, Lexi Jones, Delaney Jones, Keagan Kantor, Paige Patient, Cole Rappe, Madison Sapp, Maria Steiling

Juniors: Hallie Gates, Reagan Hunt, Emily Johnson, Tiffany Miller, Chloe Moyer

Seniors: Amber Coon, Jesse Damery, Madeline Klinger, Savannah Mendenhall, Hunter Mochel, Claire Palmer, Hannah Reichert

The administrators gave their reports:

The elementary held their spelling bee. 1st Place- Gigi Pramuk, 2nd Place- Gavin Varvel, 3rd Place- Reese Cramm. The district bee will be held January 28th at the middle school.

January Student of the Month for the elementary:

Kindergarten- Kaesyn Reynolds, Madelyn Craft, Madison Fisher, Remi Bolt

1st Grade- Myah Bingaman, Evan Crutchfield, Braelynn Hott, Kaia Arndt

2nd Grade- Jakoby Brilley, Elana Lee, Piper Candaday

3rd Grade- Brena Descaro, Addiosn Marion, Kellen McGuire

4th Grade- Josh Mayes, Reed Young, Wyatt Martin

5th Grade- Taylor Kraft, Emily Moma, Tina Mendenhall, Chesney Beaman

The middle school had 21 students with art accepted in this year's Young Artists Showcase Exhibit. Special recognition to Jasmine Lasco, who's art was accepted to the Regional Scholastic Art Competition with a gold key award. She will now advance to National level in New York. Jesse Damery and Madeline Klinger will be the Class of 2020 Valedictorians. Savannah Mendenhall will be the Salutatorian. The final National Honor Society blood drive will be held Friday, February 28.

Brian Plummer from Milligan will be at the February Board meeting to present information on their program.

On a motion by Member Roush, seconded by Member Morey, the consent agenda was approved which consists of minutes from December 9, 2019; December 16, 2019; January 7, 2020; December financial reports and January disbursements as follows:

Education	\$95,464.16	Building	\$28,954.34
Transport	\$10,198.62	Tort	\$347.70
Life Safety	\$360.00	TOTAL	\$135,324.82
(does not include payroll)			

It also included the following resignations: Carol Ginder as Macon Campus Head Cook; Megan Cocagne as elementary teacher effective the end of the 2019-2020 school year; Chelsea Stewart as high school drama sponsor. Motion carried on a roll call vote 5-0.

Mr. Pygott reviewed the current budget analysis for FY20. The district was pleased to receive a payment from the state for the transportation fund in December.

The Technology Committee will meet on January 30th and the Curriculum Committee will meet on February 13.

On a motion by Member Roush, seconded by Member Morey, the Board approved the application for the School Maintenance Project Grant. Motion carried on a roll call vote 5-0.

The natural gas and electric contracts for the district were approved as presented by Century Energy Solutions on a motion by Member Roush, seconded by Member Kraft. Motion carried on a roll call vote 5-0.

The meeting adjourned for executive session at 7:26 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 on a motion by Member Roush, seconded by Member Morey. Motion carried 5-0.

On a motion by Member Gorden, seconded by Member Morey, the Board returned to open session at 10:40 p.m.

The Board employed Salli Pritts as a Middle School Math Teacher for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year on a motion by Member Roush, seconded by Member Morey. Motion carried on a roll call vote 5-0.

On a motion by Member Roush, seconded by Member Morey, the Board employed Kayla Parker as a school bus driver. Motion carried on a roll call vote 5-0.

On a motion by Member Roush, seconded by Member Morey, the Board employed Katie Harris as a part time cook. Motion carried on a roll call vote 5-0.

Mike Woodard was hired as a part time maintenance technician on a motion by Member Roush, seconded by Member Morey. Motion carried on a roll call vote 5-0.

The Board hired Dena Ray as head cook for the Macon Campus on a motion by Member Roush, seconded by Member Morey. Motion carried on a roll call vote 5-0.

On a motion by Member Roush, seconded by Member Morey, the Board employed Jacob Brown and Ponce Palmer as HS boy's basketball freshmen coaches. Motion carried on a roll call vote 5-0.

The Board employed Lindsey Sheppard as a part time District Social Worker for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year on a motion by Member Roush, seconded by Member Morey. Motion carried on a roll call vote 5-0.

Gregg Meisenhelter was approved as volunteer HS Bass Fishing Sponsor on a motion by Member Roush, seconded by Member Morey. Motion carried on a roll call vote 5-0.

The meeting adjourned at 10:43 pm on a motion by Member Roush, seconded by Member Morey.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be February 18, 2020.

Chris Jones, Board President

Rebecca Kraft, Board Secretary