

**BOARD MINUTES
MAY 16, 2006**

The Meridian ISD school board meeting was held in the boardroom in the administration building at 204 Second Street, Meridian, Texas.

Members in attendance:

Todd Hyatt Marie Garland Rubin Felan Thad Purcell

Members absent:

Danny Allen Albert Hunter Nancy Williamson

I. Call to Order

The president called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

II. Invocation

Mr. Henderson led the invocation.

III. Pledge

Todd Hyatt led the pledge to the American flag.

IV. Welcome

The president welcomed those in attendance.

V. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

VI. Board Minutes

Marie Garland made the motion to approve the board minutes of the April 17, 2006 board meeting as previously read. Thad Purcell seconded and all voted in favor.

VII. Business

a. Review and Payment of Expenditures and Amend Budget as Needed

After some discussion, Thad Purcell made the motion to pay the expenditures and amend the budget as needed for Meridian ISD and Bosque County Educational Coop. Marie Garland seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

b. Accept Financial Statements

Thad Purcell made the motion to accept the financial statements of Meridian ISD and Bosque County Educational Coop. Marie Garland seconded and all voted in favor.

c. Canvass Ballots of the May 13, 2006 Board and Bond Elections

After examining the election results (see attached), Thad Purcell made the motion to approve the election results as presented by the election judge. Rubin Felan seconded. The motion passed with Thad Purcell, Rubin Felan and Todd Hyatt voting for. Marie Garland abstained.

d. Administer the Oath of Office to the Newly Elected Board Members

Tracine Anderson administered the oath of office to the newly elected board members, Rochelle Lentschke and; incumbent, Marie Garland.

e. Elect the School Board Officers for 2006-2007

Todd Hyatt voiced his appreciation for getting to serve as the board president, but stated that he felt it needed to be passed around. He then nominated Marie

Garland for president. Thad Purcell seconded the motion. Thad Purcell, Todd Hyatt, Rochelle Lentschke and Rubin Felan voted in favor. Marie Garland abstained. Marie Garland then took over the duties of the president. Todd Hyatt made the motion to nominate Thad Purcell as vice president. Rubin Felan seconded the motion. Todd Hyatt, Rochelle Lentschke and Rubin Felan voted in favor and Thad Purcell abstained. Todd Hyatt made the motion to nominate Nancy Williamson as secretary. Thad Purcell seconded and all voted in favor.

i. Technology Presentation by Mark Gerik

j. Consider for Approval the Spending of the Remainder of the 2004-2005 WADA Monies for Technology Application

Mark Gerik informed the board and provided a list of purchases through the spending of the WADA up to this point in time. The Smart Boards have been used to capacity since purchase. If the board had wondered about the worth of the purchase, after talking to the elementary teachers, it was noted that they are used

every day in the classroom. The fiber link and particular hardware replacements are two things still needed. The building of the new elementary has not necessarily changed the fact that the fiber link is still needed, but before anything is done, it needs to be certain that the administration offices will stay where they are. The proposed items for the current WADA money are additional smart boards, mobile lab unit for the high school, and on-line discipline management system software for both campuses. The board will review the information and make a decision at a later date. Thad Purcell made the motion to table. Todd Hyatt seconded and all voted in favor.

f. Consider Moving the Board Meetings Back to the 2nd Tuesday of Each Month Beginning July 2006

Todd Hyatt made the motion to move the board meetings to the 2nd Tuesday of each month beginning July 2006. Thad Purcell seconded this motion. The motion passed unanimously.

g. Consider for Approval Early Release Days for the District

Todd Hyatt made the motion to approve early release days for the district on May 24 and May 25. Rochelle Lentschke seconded and all voted in favor.

h. Consider the Recommendation to Hire Gilbert Renaud as Teacher/Coach

At 7:16 p.m. the president announced that the board would convene in closed session in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act Section 551.074.

The board reconvened in open session at 9:20 p.m.

Albert Hunter arrived at the end of the executive session.

Thad Purcell made the motion to hire Gilbert Renaud as teacher/coach. Todd Hyatt seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

VIII. Reports

Coach Woodard reported on state golf and track: girls golf – 5th place, Whitley Patterson – 2nd in golf, Shelly Hollingsworth - 1st in pole vault, Valerie Hallmark - 5th in discus.

Coach Moorhead reported a good beginning, kids are a blast and the weight room in full. Damon Patterson reported on results of the clay sculptures made by the board members, thanked all for their work on the bond issue and Todd Hyatt for his tenure as board president, and TAKS results (see attached).

Steve James reported on May activities, those students graduating, enrollment, students of the month and TAKS.

Mr. Henderson reported that expansion of the weight room is being discussed. Air conditioners have been donated by the commissioners. More information will be presented to the board later.

IX. Adjournment

Todd Hyatt made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Rochelle Lentschke seconded and all voted in favor. The meeting adjourned at 9:46 p.m.

President

Secretary