

**BOARD MINUTES**  
**April 10, 2007**

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

Members in attendance:

Marie Garland	Nancy Williamson	Rochelle Lentschke	Albert Hunter
Todd Hyatt	Thad Purcell	Rubin Felan	

**I. Call to Order**

The president called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

**II. Invocation**

Steve James led the invocation.

**III. Pledge**

Thad Purcell led the pledge to the American flag.

**IV. Welcome**

The president welcomed those in attendance.

**V. Public Comment**

Taylor Hyatt, representing the varsity football team, distributed a letter to the board members. (see attached) Mrs. Garland read the letter aloud to all those in attendance.

**VI. Board Minutes**

Todd Hyatt made the motion to approve the March 8, 2007 board minutes as previously read. Albert Hunter seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

**VII. Business**

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

After questions and discussion, Todd Hyatt made the motion to pay the expenditures and amend the budget as needed for Meridian ISD and Bosque County Educational Coop. Rochelle Lentschke seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**b. Accept Financial Statements**

Todd Hyatt made the motion to accept the financial statements of Meridian ISD and Bosque County Educational Coop. Albert Hunter seconded and all voted in favor.

**Item e. was moved to this place in the agenda at the request of those making the presentation.**

**e. Consider for Approval Adding Cheerleading Supplies to the 2007-2008 Budget**

Darcey Hyatt and Kali Hutyra, varsity cheerleaders, presented this item. Thad Purcell stated that most school districts in our area do provide some assistance to the cheerleaders. The majority of the funds will still be acquired through fundraisers. Rochelle Lentschke made the motion to add this item to the 2007-2008 budget. Thad Purcell seconded. Marie Garland, Rochelle Lentschke, Albert Hunter, Todd Hyatt, Thad Purcell and Rubin Felan voted in favor. Nancy Williamson opposed.

**c. Consider for Approval Student Transfers**

No paper work has been turned in so no names were submitted.

**d. Consider for Approval “Awesome” as the Official School Mascot**

Mrs. Joy Lohmer shared the history and original purpose of the design of “Awesome” and stated that this particular mascot is the one seen most prevalently in our community. She emphasized that this would not prohibit other logos from being used, but would keep “Awesome” current and preserved for the future. Ms. Lentschke stated that as long as it does not prevent other logos from being used, there should not be an issue. Thad Purcell stated that he felt it would not be a positive message sent to the varsity football players after their stating their opinion on the issue, and there is no evidence of “Awesome” being replaced for any reason. Rochelle Lentschke made the motion to name “Awesome” as the official mascot. Albert Hunter seconded. The motion was withdrawn for the purpose of tabling until further discussion can be developed. Thad Purcell, Todd Hyatt and Nancy Williamson opposed tabling the motion. Rubin Felan, Albert Hunter and Rochelle Lentschke voted to table the motion. Marie Garland broke the tie by voting in favor of the motion to table.

**f. Consider for Approval a Five-Year Electricity Contract Option**

Billy J. Henderson presented an update with no action needed.

**VIII. Reports**

Steve James reported on enrollment and April and May events.

Damon Patterson reported on awards day, TAKS testing and field trips.

Coach Woodard was coaching a baseball game and Mr. James distributed a memo in Coach Woodard’s place.

**g. Personnel – Consider Accepting Letters of Resignation, Approval of Hiring a Teacher/Coach, Termination of the JR3 Administrative Contracted Services**

Before executive session, a representative of JR3 Administrative Services explained its purpose and services and addressed questions from the board.

*At 8:00 p.m. the president announced that the board would convene in closed session in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act Section 551.071 and 551.074. The board reconvened in open session at 9:45 p.m.*

Thad Purcell made the motion to accept letters of resignation of Tana Pyssen, David Woodard and Rickey Holmsley. Todd Hyatt seconded the motion. Four voted in favor – Marie Garland, Todd Hyatt, Thad Purcell and Rubin Felan. Albert Hunter, Rochelle Lentschke and Nancy Williamson voted against.

Todd Hyatt made the motion to hire the teacher/coach as recommended. Thad Purcell seconded. Todd Hyatt, Thad Purcell and Rubin Felan voted in favor.

Albert Hunter, Nancy Williamson, Rochelle Lentschke and Marie Garland voted against.

No action was taken on the termination of the JR3 Administrative Contracted Services.

**IX. Adjournment**

Thad Purcell made the motion to adjourn at 9:48 p.m. Todd Hyatt seconded and all voted in favor.

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President

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Secretary