

**Meridian Independent School District  
Board Minutes  
August 12, 2003**

The Meridian ISD school board meeting was held in the boardroom in the administration building at 204 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Meridian, Texas.

Members in attendance:

Nancy Williamson Steve Madson Danny Allen Tracy Hardcastle Todd Hyatt

Member absent:

Marie Garland

**I. Call to Order**

The president called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

**II. Invocation**

Nancy Williamson led the invocation.

**III. Pledge**

Billy J. Henderson 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**

Steve Madson made the motion to approve the July 8, 2003 board minutes as read. Todd Hyatt seconded and all voted in favor.

**VII. Business**

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

Danny Allen made the motion to approve payment of Meridian ISD and Bosque County Educational Coop bills as presented and amend the budget as needed. Todd Hyatt seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**b. Accept Financial Statement**

Nancy Williamson made the motion to accept the financial statements of Meridian ISD and Bosque County Educational Coop. Steve Madson seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

**c. Appoint and Administer Oath of Office to New Board Member**

Todd Hyatt nominated Mr. Thad Purcell as the new board member to fill Robin Brady's position. Danny Allen seconded and all voted in favor.

**d. Recognize Robby James for the Media Honor Roll**

Mr. Robby James was recognized and received a certificate from the board president for the excellent coverage he gives the school in his newspaper.

**e. Consider Transfers for the 2003-04 School Year**

Nancy Williamson made the motion accept the transfer students as presented to the board. Steve Madson seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

- f. **Consider Increasing the School District's Contribution Toward the Employees' Health Insurance and Discuss the Annuity Contribution For Those That Do Not Choose to Take the Health Insurance**  
Mr. Henderson presented the board with the option of making up the \$500 difference that the state isn't giving to the employees this year. After some discussion, Todd Hyatt made a motion to table this matter and discuss it at the budget workshop. Steve Madson seconded and all voted in favor.
- g. **Personnel – Consider the Contracts for Sixth Grade Teacher and Coach/ Science Teacher\***  
*At 7:45 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 8:10 p.m*  
Steve Madson made the motion to extend a contract to Alice Shelton as sixth grade teacher and Kevin Webb as coach/science teacher. Nancy Williamson seconded and the motion carried unanimously.
- h. **Consider the Approval of Contract for the Professional Staff of the Bosque County Educational Coop\***  
Steve Madson made the motion to approve the contracts of the Bosque County Educational Coop professional personnel as presented. Todd Hyatt seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.
- i. **Set the Date, Time, and Place for the Budget Workshop**  
Steve Madson made the motion to set the budget workshop for Tuesday, August 19, 2003 at 7:30 p.m. Nancy Williamson seconded and the motion carried unanimously.
- j. **Set the Date, Time, and Place for Budget Hearing and Adoption of Proposed Tax Rate**  
Nancy Williamson made the motion to set the budget hearing and tax rate adoption for Tuesday, August 26, 2003 at 7:30 p.m. Todd Hyatt seconded and all voted in favor.
- k. **Consider Contracting with Huckabee & Associates to Proceed with Designing the New Bus Barn**  
Todd Hyatt made the motion to contract with Huckabee and Associates to design the new bus barn. Danny Allen seconded. The motion carried. Tracy Hardcastle abstained and the remainder of the board voted in favor.

## VIII. Reports

Damon Patterson reported on the possibility of hiring an art teacher and he estimates an enrollment of 246 students in the elementary.

Chance Welch reported he has a full staff and they are ready to go.

David Woodard reported football has started, meet the jackets – Friday at 8:30, and scrimmage Saturday morning.

Penny Brister reported that Mrs. Connie Hardin is the new Band Booster Club president, a hand-book will be presented at a later date, and the band may want to go on a cruise.

Mrs. Wendy King, food service director, reported on the summer food program.

Mr. Henderson reported on property and liability insurance, storm damage to wireless and the possibility of installing fiber optics at an estimated cost of \$35,000 with the coop helping with these expenditures, one of our buses needs welding repairs and the possibility of purchasing a new or used bus, our cost share to the coop has been reduced, PreK and school finance update.

**IX. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

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President

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Secretary