

BOARD MINUTES
August 14, 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	Rochelle Lentschke	Kristy Kuykendall	Thad Purcell
Todd Hyatt	Danny Allen		

Members Absent:

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I. Call to Order

The president called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

II. Invocation

Thad Purcell led the invocation.

III. Pledge

Danny Allen 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

Kristy Kuykendall made the motion to approve the board minutes of the July 10, 2007 board meeting as previously read. Rochelle Lentschke seconded and all voted in favor.

VII. Business

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

After questions and discussion, Thad Purcell made the motion to pay the expenditures and amend the budget as needed for Meridian ISD and Bosque County Educational Coop. Danny Allen seconded and 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. Thad Purcell seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

c. Consider for Approval the Safe Harbor Model Policy 25.156

Mr. Henderson explained the Safe Harbor Model Policy 25.156 which is the result of the state enacting the "School Children's Religious Liberties Act." Rochelle Lentschke made the motion to table this item until the next board meeting. Todd Hyatt seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

d. Consider for Approval the Update on TASB 80

Todd Hyatt made the motion to approve TASB Update 80 and Thad Purcell seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

- e. **Consider for Approval the Guaranteed Maximum Price for the Elementary School as Presented by Baird/Williams**
A representative from Baird/Williams stated there were approximately 165 bids submitted. After taking the bids, the result is 1.7 over budget at \$8,773,213. One reason is the 19 ½% increase in costs of materials and inflation and the fact that infrastructure is the same for a small school as for a large school. The company has begun the process of examining what can be done to bring the bids closer to the proposed budget. The bids cannot be made public by law until seven days after the board approves accepting the bids. Four major areas of increase were the kitchen, glass glazing, concrete, and mechanical and electrical. Kevin Smith of Claycomb and Associates added that the Baird/Williams Company would begin re-examining the bids and see where changes could be made to align closer to the budget. The company will return to the board in at least thirty days to report on the progress. Todd Hyatt made the motion to table the item at this time. Rochelle Lentschke seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- f. **Presentation and Update on the Progress of Building the New Elementary**
There was no action needed at this time.
- g. **Set the Date, Time and Place for the Budget Workshop**
Thad Purcell made the motion to hold the budget workshop on Monday, August 20 at 5:30 p.m. Rochelle Lentschke seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- h. **Set the Date, Time and Place for the Budget Hearing and Adoption of the Tax Rate**
Rochelle Lentschke made the motion to hold the budget hearing and adoption of the tax rate meeting on Monday, August 27 at 5:30 p.m. Todd Hyatt seconded and it passed unanimously.
- i. **Presentation of the Elementary and High School Handbooks**
Mrs. Huffman distributed a copy of the elementary handbook to each member. Specific changes were highlighted and explained. Mr. James distributed the specific changes in the high school handbook to each member and explained each one. Rochelle Lentschke made the motion to approve the handbooks as presented with the added changes of cell phone and roller shoes policies in the elementary handbook consistent with the high school handbook. Kristy Kuykendall seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- j. **Presentation of the 2006-07 TAKS Scores**
The board observed a power point presentation addressing the district's scores.
- k. **Personnel – Review and Discuss the Ag Program**
No items were presented to the board.

VIII. Reports

In the absence of Larry Moorhead, Mr. James presented hats to each board member and stated there would be a scrimmage against Granger on Saturday at 10:00. Beverly Huffman thanked the board for the carpet. She reported on teachers getting their rooms ready for the new year, a letter has been sent to each teacher concerning the upcoming year and Meet the Teacher will be on August 23. Mr. James reported on enrollment, in-service, new carpet in four classrooms and the summer recovery program. Mr. Henderson reported on the beginning general session set for Monday, August 20, summer maintenance and the purchase of a new striping machine.

IX. Adjournment

Todd Hyatt made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 p.m. Marie Garland seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

President

Secretary