

BOARD MINUTES
August 14, 2008

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

Members in attendance:

Danny Allen	Cynthia Gann	Kristy Kuykendall	Todd Hyatt
David Winkler	Rochelle Lentschke	Marie Garland	

I. Call to Order

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

II. Invocation

Rochelle Lentschke 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

Todd Hyatt made the motion to approve the July 15, 2008 board minutes as previously read. Rochelle Lentschke seconded and all voted in favor.

VII. Business

a. Review and Payment of Expenditures and Amend Budget as Needed – Meridian ISD and Bosque County Educ. Coop

After some discussion, Todd Hyatt made the motion to pay the expenditures and amend the budget as needed. Danny Allen seconded and all voted in favor.

b. Accept Financial Statements – Meridian ISD and BCEC

Todd Hyatt made the motion to accept the financial statements of Meridian ISD and the Bosque County Education Coop as presented. Rochelle Lentschke seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

h. Consider Approval of Michael Cody as Meridian ISD Financial Consultant to Prepare MISD Financial Statements for Submission to TEA

Mr. Cody explained the need to have an independent auditor and recommended he be hired as our financial consultant and Mr. Gerald Nelson as the independent auditor. Todd Hyatt made the motion to approve Mike Cody as our financial consultant as recommended. Kristy Kuykendall seconded and all voted in favor.

i. Consider Approval of Gerald Nelson to Complete the MISD Single Audit

Cynthia Gann made the motion to hire Gerald Nelson as our financial auditor. Rochelle Lentschke seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

r. Consider Approval of 76 2' X 6" Wall Pads for New Elementary Gym

Francis Zordilla explained the cost for the wall pads will be \$5,853. After some discussion, Todd Hyatt made the motion to approve the purchase of wall pads to

cover remaining walls of the new elementary gym. Danny Allen seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

- t. **Status of New Elementary Building Project**
Francis Zordilla of Claycomb and Associates gave the update on the new building project.
- c. **Consider Approval for Purchase and Installation of New Network Switches for the High School Campus**
Mark Gerik, technology director, explained the need for the switches at the high school. Todd Hyatt made the motion to approve the purchase of the switches. Rochelle Lentschke seconded and all voted in favor.
- d. **Consider Approval of MISD Student Cafeteria Meal Prices for 2008-09**
Dr. Casey gave the board information of meal prices of other region 12 schools. Meridian is below average and he recommends increasing prices on some meals. After some discussion, David Winkler made the motion to leave the prices as is. Rochelle Lentschke seconded. David Winkler, Rochelle Lentschke, Marie Garland, Kristy Kuykendall and Cynthia Gann voted for the motion. Danny Allen and Todd Hyatt voted against the motion. The motion passed.
- e. **Consider Approval for Recommended Prices for Hill County Community Action Head Start Student Meals for 2008-09**
Cynthia Gann made the motion to approved the recommended prices for HCCA Head Start students and staff. Rochelle Lentschke seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- f. **Consider Approval of School Insurance Program for 2008-09 as Submitted by Mr. Moorhead and Superintendent**
After some discussion, Todd Hyatt made the motion to approve student insurance blanket insurance proposal submitted by Unified Life Ins. Co. and the catastrophic proposal by National Union Fire Co which will provide coverage for all UIL and athletic participants and catastrophic coverage for all MISD students in grades PreK to 12. Kristy Kuykendall seconded. The motion passed with Todd Hyatt, Danny Allen, Kristy Kuykendall, Cynthia Gann, Rochelle Lentschke and Marie Garland voting for. Davis Winkler voted against.
- g. **Consider Approval of Critical Area Designation for Upper Level Math**
Dr. Casey explained the need to designate Upper Level Math as critical area. Todd Hyatt made the motion approve Upper Level Math as a critical teaching area. Danny Allen seconded. All voted for the motion.
- j. **Consider Approval of the Elementary and Secondary Student Handbooks and Student Code of Conduct – Principal Presentations**
Both principals talked about the handbook and code of conduct explaining some of the changes made from last year. Cynthia Gann made the motion to approve the handbooks and student code of conduct as presented. Rochelle Lentschke seconded and all voted in favor.
- k. **Consider Approval of the MISD Employee Handbook**
The elementary principal, Kim Edwards, presented the employee handbook. After some discussion, Rochelle Lentschke made the motion to approve the handbook as presented. Kristy Kuykendall seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- l. **Consider Approval of Professional Development Appraisal System (PDAS) Calendar – Michele Garza**
Cynthia Gann made the motion to approve the PDAS calendar as presented by Michelle Garza. Todd Hyatt seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

- m. Consider Approval of the District's PDAS Appraisers**
Rochelle Lentschke made the motion to approve the PDAS appraisers as presented. Todd Hyatt seconded and all voted in favor.
- n. Consider Approval of Budget Workshop Board Meeting Date**
Rochelle Lentschke made the motion to set the budget workshop for Tuesday, August 19, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. Kristy Kuykendall seconded. The motion passed with David Winkler abstaining and all other members voting in favor.
- o. Consider Approval of Fuel Bid Submitted by Scott Sonntag Oil**
Todd Hyatt made the motion to approve the fuel bid of Scott Sonntag Oil. Rochelle Lentschke seconded and all voted in favor.
- p. Consider Approval of Landscaping Plan for New Elementary Campus**
Todd Hyatt made the motion to table this item until the plan is ready. Rochelle Lentschke seconded. All voted in favor.
- q. Consider Approval of Transfer Students for 2008-09**
Kristy Kuykendall made the motion to approve the transfers as presented. (see attached) Rochelle Lentschke seconded and all voted in favor.
- s. Personnel – Discuss Hiring of New Personnel***
At 8:25 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 8:40 p.m.
There was no action

VIII. Reports

Kim Edwards reported on staff development and enrollment of 271.
 Kelly Parker reported on next week's in-service schedule, band director, new aide and football scrimmage.
 Dr. Casey reported on elementary furniture, playground equipment and 15 new hires.

IX. Adjournment

Todd Hyatt made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 p.m. Danny Allen seconded and all voted in favor.

 President

 Secretary