

**Meridian Independent School District  
Board Minutes  
August 19, 2003**

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

Members in attendance:

Tracy Hardcastle Marie Garland Nancy Williamson Thad Purcell  
Steve Madson Danny Allen Todd Hyatt

**I. Call to Order**

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

**II. Invocation**

Mr. Henderson led the invocation.

**III. Pledge**

Mr. Welch led the pledge to the American flag.

**IV. Welcome**

The president welcomed those in attendance.

**V. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**VI. Business**

**a. Administer Oath of Office to the New Board Member-Thad Purcell**

Marie Garland administered the oath of office to Thad Purcell, new board member.

**b. Consider Transfers for the 2003-2004 School Year**

Danny Allen made the motion to accept the transfers as presented to the board. Steve Madson seconded and the motion carried unanimously. (see attached list)

**c. Consider the Approval of the Band Handbook**

Penny Brister was in attendance to help answer questions on the handbook as presented. The idea of paying fees was questioned. Steve Madson made the motion to table this item until this issue could be discussed further. Thad Purcell seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**d. Consider Increasing the School District's Contribution Toward the Employees' Health Insurance\***

*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 8:35 p.m.*

Steve Madson made the motion that this item be tabled until the next meeting. Nancy Williamson seconded and all voted in favor.

**e. Discuss the Annuity Contribution for Those That Do Not Choose to Take the Health Insurance\***

Nancy Williamson made the motion to table this item until the next meeting. Marie Garland seconded and all voted in favor.

**f. Personnel – Consider the Contract for the Art Teacher and Technology Coordinator**

Nancy Williamson made the motion to hire Judy Parton as art teacher. Steve Madson seconded and all voted in favor.

Nancy Williamson made the motion to offer a contract to site based recommendation for technology coordinator. Marie Garland seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

**VII. Reports**

Mr. Henderson stated the elementary principal, Damon Patterson, was absent due to attending visitation with one of our employees.

Mr. Welch read a letter of commendation for Larry Davis from UIL. The first day went smoothly. Classroom leveling will take place in the near future.

Mr. Henderson stated he would report on the bus and fiber optics during the budget workshop to be held immediately following this meeting. The board was asked to state if they were going to attend the annual TASB convention in September.

**VIII. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m

The budget workshop immediately followed.

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President

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Secretary