

BOARD MINUTES
August 22, 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		

Member absent:

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I. Call to Order

The president called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m.

II. Invocation

Billy J. Henderson led the invocation.

III. Pledge

Todd Hyatt 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. Consider for Approval the Safe Harbor Model Policy 251.156 Which is the Result of the State Enacting the "School Children's Religious Liberties Act"

Mr. Henderson gave each board member a copy of the bill and recommended tabling this item until the next meeting. Rochelle Lentschke made the motion to table this item until the next board meeting. Todd Hyatt seconded and all voted in favor.

b. Consider the High School and Elementary Code of Conduct

Todd Hyatt made the motion to approve the high school and elementary code of conduct as previously submitted with the student handbook. Rochelle Lentschke seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

c. Presentation and Update on the Progress of Building the New Elementary as Presented by Claycomb & Assoc., and Baird/Williams

Representatives from both Claycomb and Associates and Baird/Williams were present to discuss the new elementary building project. They presented a schedule of items that could be cut from the original cost of \$8,773,213. These items brought the cost to \$7,455,774. (see attached) Board members questioned the items listed and took no action.

d. Consider for Approval the Setting of Date, Time and Place for the Budget Hearing and Adoption of the Tax Rate

Rochelle Lentschke made the motion to set the date and time of August 28, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. for the budget hearing and adoption of the tax rate. Kristy Kuykendall seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

VII. Reports

Mrs. Huffman reported on the inservice week with the teachers and Meet the Teachers. Mr. James reported on the high school inservice, expected enrollment in grades 7-12 of 245, and how great the building looks. Mr. Henderson reported on opening day of inservice.

e. 2007-08 Budget Workshop

The board had previously been presented with a proposed 2007-08 budget. It was discussed along with a wish list that Mr. Henderson presented. He, also, recommended some salary changes. Some items on the wish list and the salary changes are to be added to the current budget and acted on at the August 28 board meeting.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

President

Secretary