

**BOARD MINUTES**  
**August 29, 2006**

The Meridian ISD school board public hearing on the 2006-2007 proposed budget and tax rate was held in the boardroom in the administration building at 204 Second Street, Meridian, Texas.

Members in attendance:

Thad Purcell	Todd Hyatt	Rubin Felan
Albert Hunter	Nancy Williamson	Rochelle Lentschke

**I. Business**

The public hearing was held. The board discussed the proposed budget and tax rate

**II. Adjournment**

Todd Hyatt made a motion to adjourn the hearing at 6:43 p.m. Rochelle Lentschke seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

(The board meeting was held immediately following the public hearing.)

**I. Call to Order**

The vice president, Thad Purcell, called the meeting to order.

**II. Invocation**

Thad Purcell led the invocation.

**III. Pledge**

Billy J. Henderson led the pledge to the American flag.

**IV. Welcome**

The vice president welcomed those in attendance.

**V. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**VI. Business**

**a. Approve Expenditures**

Nancy Williamson made the motion to approve the expenditures as presented. Albert Hunter seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

**b. Approve the 2005-2006 Amended Budget**

Albert Hunter made the motion to approve the amended budget including August payroll accruals. Todd Hyatt seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**c. Consider for Approval the Adopting of the 2006-2007 Budget**

There was a question raised concerning the salaries of the instructional aides in the district. At this time, the budget includes a 5% increase for these seven employees. It was determined to add an additional 3% increase which brings the total to an 8% increase. After more discussion on teacher salaries, Rochelle Lentschke made the motion to approve the budget with the additional 3% added for the instructional aides. Albert Hunter seconded the motion. The motion passed with Rochelle Lentschke, Albert Hunter, Todd Hyatt and Rubin Felan voting for the motion and Nancy Williamson voting no.

- d. **Consider for Approval the Adopting of the Tax Rate for 2006-2007**  
 Todd Hyatt made the motion to adopt the proposed tax rate of 1.2291 for maintenance and operation and .389 for interest and sinking for a total tax rate of 1.6181. Rochelle Lentschke seconded the motion. The motion passed with Rochelle Lentschke, Albert Hunter, Todd Hyatt and Rubin Felan voting in favor. Nancy Williamson voted no.
- e. **Consider for Approval the Property Casualty Insurance for 2006-2007**  
 Mr. Henderson presented the bids and information from each insurance company. He recommended the PEAT Insurance Company after comparing the different items presented from each company. Todd Hyatt made the motion to accept the recommendation of the superintendent. Rochelle Lentschke seconded and all voted in favor.
- f. **Consider for Approval the Elementary and High School Handbooks for 2006-2007**  
 The principals were in attendance to answer any questions the board had. After discussion, Todd Hyatt made the motion to approve the handbooks as presented. Nancy Williamson seconded. The motion passed with all voting in favor with the exception of Rochelle Lentschke abstaining.
- g. **Consider for Approval the Method of Construction of the New Elementary**  
 It was suggested by the superintendent that this item be tabled until the board can look at the options more in depth. Todd Hyatt made the motion to table this item. Albert Hunter seconded and all voted in favor.
- h. **Personnel**  
 No action was taken.

**VII. Reports**

Steve James reported on the junior class homecoming t-shirts, enrollment and gym floor. Damon Patterson reported on enrollment and the great start of school. Coach Woodard reported on athletic schedule changes and a priority list of athletic supplies. Billy J. Henderson reported on the gym floor to be considered for the new elementary and the repairs made to the high school gym floor.

**VIII. Adjournment**

Nancy Williamson made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 p.m. Albert Hunter seconded and all voted in favor.

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 President

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 Secretary