

BOARD MINUTES
August 8, 2006

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	Nancy Williamson	Albert Hunter
Todd Hyatt	Thad Purcell	Rubin Felan

Member absent:

Rochelle Lentschke

I. Call to Order

The president called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

II. Invocation

Steve James led the invocation.

III. Pledge

Thad Purcell led the pledge to the American flag.

IV. Welcome

The president welcomed those in attendance.

V. Public Comment

Michele Garza stated that the North Bosque Optimist Club has been formed. The organization's main goal is to serve children and can accomplish goals that other organizations cannot. She then shared the high points of what is involved in becoming part of the club.

VI. Board Minutes

Todd Hyatt made the motion to approve the July 11 and July 20, 2006 board minutes as previously read. Albert Hunter seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

VII. Business

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

After questions and discussion, Albert Hunter made the motion to pay the expenditures and amend the budget as needed for Meridian ISD and Bosque County Educational Coop. Todd Hyatt seconded and all voted in favor.

b. Accept Financial Statement

After questions and discussion, Todd Hyatt made the motion to accept the financial statements of Meridian ISD and Bosque County Educational Coop. Albert Hunter seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

c. Adopt An Order Authorizing the Issuance of \$7 Million of School Building Bonds, Series 2006, and Take all Necessary Actions Thereof

A representative from Southwest Securities explained the reason for the action. The bonds were locked in at an interest rate of 4.9% and callable at any time. They are permanent, guaranteed bonds. After questions and discussion, Thad Purcell made the motion to adopt the order. Todd Hyatt seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

- d. **Consider for Approval the Method of Construction for the New Elementary School**
Mr. Henderson referred to previous discussions of the methods of construction which were a part of the previous board meeting. Thad Purcell stated that he would prefer to table the decision at this time so that individual board members can research the issue. The concern is local contractors and the possibility of their involvement in the construction. Thad Purcell made the motion to table this item until the August 29th meeting. Todd Hyatt seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- e. **Consider Approval of Student Transfers**
The transfers submitted for approval at this time are Kaleb, Kade and Kolton Jackson, Samuel Monsees and Destiny Smitherman. Todd Hyatt made the motion to approve these transfers. Thad Purcell seconded and all voted in favor.
- f. **Consider for Approval Raising the Breakfast Price from \$.80 to \$1.00**
Mr. Henderson explained that he and Mrs. West have examined the changing costs of supplies. Thad Purcell made the motion to raise the price of breakfast to \$1.00. Todd Hyatt seconded. The motion passed with Albert Hunter voting against the motion and the remainder of the board voting for the motion.
- g. **Presentation of the Elementary and High School 2006-07 Handbooks**
Mr. Patterson was unable to attend the meeting but furnished the new handbook for the board to examine. It is basically the same book as the 2005-06 school year. Mr. James presented the high school handbook. Todd Hyatt made the motion to table this until the next meeting. Thad Purcell seconded and all voted for the motion.
- h. **Set the Date, Time, and Place for the Budget Workshop**
Todd Hyatt made the motion to set the budget workshop for August 22, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. Albert Hunter seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- i. **Set the Date, Time and Place for the Budget Hearing and Adoption of the Tax Rate**
Todd Hyatt made the motion to set the budget hearing and adoption of the tax rate meeting for August 29, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. Albert Hunter seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Reports

Mr. James reviewed the rating the high school/junior high received. He also distributed a corrective action plan which will be put in place to aid in improving the scores.

Mr. Henderson reported on insurance possibilities to be presented at the August 29 meeting, high school gym floor, improving the sound in the high school gym and the Faulk Company.

- j. **Personnel – Resignations, Recommendations for New Hires, and Presentation of Girls Athletic Program**

At 9:10 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 9:30 p.m.

Coach Woodard and Holmsley were present to answer any questions on the girls athletic program. It was determined that the purchasing of uniforms should be put on a rotating system that would enable the programs to keep current uniforms/supplies for the participants

Todd Hyatt made the motion to accept the resignation of Beverly Huffman and accept the recommendation from the superintendent to hire Christy Halbert for a

position at the elementary campus. Albert Hunter seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

IX. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

President

Secretary