

**Board Minutes
August 30, 2004**

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

Members in attendance:

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| Danny Allen | Tracy Hardcastle | Albert Hunter | Todd Hyatt |
| Nancy Williamson | | | |

Members absent:

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| Marie Garland | Thad Purcell |
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I. Call to Order

The president called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. Invocation

Nancy Williamson led the invocation.

III. Pledge

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

IV. Welcome

The president of the board welcomed those in attendance.

VI. Business

a. Approve Payment of Bills

Todd Hyatt made the motion to approve the payment of bills. Albert Hunter seconded and all voted in favor.

b. Approve 2003-2004 Amended Budget Including August Payroll Accruals – Meridian ISD and BCEC

Albert Hunter made the motion to approve the amended budget as presented including August payroll accruals. (see attached) Todd Hyatt seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

c. Conduct Public Hearing on 2004-2005 Proposed Budget and Tax Rate

There was no need to conduct the hearing because there were no visitors.

d. Adopt the 2004-2005 Budget

After some discussion, Todd Hyatt made the motion to adopt the 2004-05 budget as presented and discussed. (see attached) Danny Allen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

e. Adopt the 2004-2005 Tax Rate

Todd Hyatt made the motion to adopt the tax rate as proposed and published in the paper. Danny Allen seconded. The president asked for discussion. Albert Hunter stated he did not want to raise the tax rate the recommended 6 cents and gave his reasons. Tracy Hardcastle, Todd Hyatt and Mr. Henderson explained the need to raise the rate due to Tier 2 funds and maintenance items that are needed to be done for the schools that have been put off. The president called for the vote. The motion carried with Danny Allen, Todd Hyatt and Nancy Williamson voting in favor. Albert Hunter voted against.

f. Approve 2004-2005 Student Transfers

Nancy Williamson made the motion to approve the student transfers as presented. (see attached) Albert Hunter seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

g. Personnel* - Salaries

At 7:38 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 7:53 p.m.

Danny Allen made the motion to increase the superintendent salary by \$3500.

Todd Hyatt seconded and all voted in favor.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

President

Secretary