

BOARD MINUTES
APRIL 17, 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:

Todd Hyatt	Nancy Williamson	Marie Garland	Albert Hunter
Thad Purcell	Rubin Felan	Danny Allen	

I. Call to Order

The president called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

II. Invocation

Albert Hunter led the invocation.

III. Pledge

Rubin Felan led the pledge to the American flag.

IV. Welcome

The president welcomed those in attendance.

V. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

VI. Board Minutes

Marie Garland made the motion to approve the board minutes of the March 9 and March 23, 2006 meetings as previously read. Albert Hunter seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

VII. Business

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

After short discussion and questions, Nancy Williamson made the motion to pay the expenditures and amend the budget as needed for Meridian ISD and Bosque County Educational Coop. Albert Hunter seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

b. Accept Financial Statements

After short discussion, Marie Garland made the motion to accept the financial statement of Meridian ISD and Bosque County Educational Coop. Nancy Williamson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

c. Consider for Approval the Hiring of Schwartz Eichelbaum Law Firm as the District's Legal Counsel

Mr. Henderson explained that it is now required for the board to hire a specific law firm to represent the board. He stated we have used this law firm for a number of years. The contract will be reviewed annually. Nancy Williamson made the motion to approve hiring Schwartz Eichelbaum Law Firm as Meridian ISD's legal counsel. Thad Purcell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

d. Consider for Approval the District's 2006-2009 Technology Plan

Mark Gerik, technology director, presented the technology plan. Copies of the plan had been included in the board packets. He stated the current plan expires

at the end of this summer and to qualify for state funds, one must be in place. The plan is a three year plan much like the past plan outlining goals and objectives with monetary figures. TEA has already approved the plan so the board needs to submit its approval. After some discussion from the board, Marie Garland made the motion to approve the plan as presented. Albert Hunter seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

e. Consider for Approval Student Transfers

Mr. James presented two student names, Monica Olivarri and Stevie Robles, for the board to approve as transfer students. Thad Purcell made the motion to approve the students as transfers. Danny Allen seconded and all voted in favor.

VIII. Reports

Coach Woodard reported on the golf teams, track teams and tennis teams. Several athletes are advancing to regional.

Damon Patterson reported on Special Olympics, test scores, Pizza for Pops and Texas on Parade.

Steve James reported on the upcoming calendar events, enrollment and students of the month.

f. Consider for Approval the Hiring of a Head Football Coach

At 7:07 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 12:20 a.m.

Mr. Henderson recommended that Larry Moorehead be hired as head football coach. Thad Purcell made the motion to hire Larry Moorehead. Danny Allen seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

It was decided to hold the May meeting on the second Thursday.

IX. Adjournment

Marie Garland made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:23 a.m. Albert Hunter seconded this motion and all voted favor.

President

Secretary