

**MERIDIAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**P.O. BOX 349**  
**MERIDIAN, TEXAS 76665**  
**254-435-2081**

**Board Minutes**  
**April 9, 2002**

The Meridian I.S.D. Board Meeting was held in the boardroom located in the administration building at 204 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Meridian, Texas.

Members in Attendance:

Barbara Domel	Patti Wagner
Steve Madson	Marie Garland
Tracy Hardcastle	Danny Allen

Members Absent:

Nancy Williamson

Others in Attendance:

Kenneth Bateman	Bill Henderson
Frank Middleton	Damon Patterson
Penny Brister	

**I. Call to Order**

The President called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

**II. Invocation**

Marie Garland gave the invocation.

**III. Pledge**

Steve Madson led the pledge to the American Flag.

**IV. Welcome**

The President welcomed those in attendance.

**V. Public Comment**

No one asked to speak.

**VI. Board Minutes**

The minutes of the March 7, 2002 meeting were approved as read.

**VII. Business**

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

Tracy Hardcastle made the motion to approve expenditures and amend budget as needed. Patti Wagner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**b. Accept Financial Statement**

Mr. Bateman presented the financial statement. He also projected that by estimating the revenues that were expected to be received during the

remainder of the fiscal year and estimating expenditures for the same time period that the district will be close to breaking even. Also the current enrollment continues to increase with the present enrollment of 555. This will mean more funds from the state than what was estimated at the beginning of the year.

Patti Wagner made the motion to accept the financial statement as presented. Marie Garland seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. See attachments

**c. Consider Bids for Backhoe**

The following bids were received by the deadline of Friday, April 5, 2002 at 2 p.m.

- Bob Lehman           \$4,500
- C&C Electric       \$3,650
- Robert Merchant   \$3,501

Since the bids were not as high as hoped, the discussion of the board was that it would be more beneficial to the district to keep the backhoe at this time.

Marie Garland made the motion to decline all bids. Steve Madson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. See attachments

**d. Consider Spring Band Trip**

Mrs. Brister requested permission for the high school band to take an over night trip to Six Flags in Arlington. The band has \$3,188 in its activity account and the trip will be paid out of these funds. This is a trip that the band looks forward to each year for their hard work. The trip is scheduled for Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, which is a school holiday so the students will not miss any school.

Patti Wagner made the motion to approve the trip. Steve Madson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**e. Update Board Policy CQ (Local) Electronic Communication and Data Management**

Mr. Bateman recommended the Board adopt changes for Board Policy CQ (Local). These changes are to ensure the safety of students and staff while accessing the Internet on school owned computers. This is done by developing and implementing an Internet Safety Plan and providing a filtering system on all school computers.

Marie Garland made the motion to update policy CQ(Local) as recommended. Steve Madson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. See attachment

**f. Consider Exemption of Travel Trailers from Taxation**

The Board was given copies of letters from Governor Rick Perry's office and from Janice Henry addressing the taxation of travel trailers. In the letters it says "because of some ambiguous language contained within a bill adopted by the last session of the Legislature, it appears that, strictly speaking, travel trailers are now taxable for all districts even though the Legislature did not intend for that to be

the case.” Governor Perry also stated that the next session of the Legislature would address and clarify this issue. However, legal counsel has directed that each appraisal district have the board of each school district take official action on whether or not to tax travel trailers.

Members stated that since this is seen as a mistake by the Legislature and that it will be changed next spring that it would be best to exempt the trailers from the property tax.

Tracy Hardcastle made the motion to exempt travel trailers from taxation. Steve Madson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. See attachment

**g. Approve Textbook Adoptions**

Science textbooks for grades 6-12 are the only textbooks up for adoption this year. The principals and their staff members have worked together to choose a series that will be used throughout all grades, which will help with aligning the science curriculum. Their recommendation for adoption is the series published by Holt, Rinehart & Winston. Steve Madson was concerned that a textbook for chemistry was not on the recommended list. Mr. Henderson said he would check on this and be prepared to address by the May board meeting. Mr. Bateman recommended that the Board adopt the current list and consider the chemistry textbook in May.

Danny Allen made the motion to adopt the list of textbooks as recommended. Tracy Hardcastle seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. See attachment

**h. Approve Student Transfers for 2002-2003 School Year**

A list of forty-one students requesting transfer into Meridian ISD was presented. This will be the list that will be sent to TEA by the required May 1 deadline. The Board was reminded that others could be approved as they are requested. Currently the district has approximately sixty transfers and we anticipate that we will have approximately the same next year.

Danny Allen made the motion to approve the student transfers. Patti Wagner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. See attachment

**VIII. Reports**

- a. Mr. Bateman informed the trustees about the Temple Board Workshop on May 22, 2002. He encouraged members to attend. Anyone needing to register can call him or Tracine.
- b. Mr. Bateman reported that Tracine and he had attended a workshop concerning a spring enrollment of the TRS-Active Care Health Insurance Program or “state insurance program”. This enrollment will take place within the next two weeks.
- c. Principals reported on spring activities that are occurring on their campuses but emphasized the TAAS exams for next week.

**IX. Adjournment**  
The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

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**President**

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**Secretary**