

**Meridian Independent School District
Board Minutes
June 10, 2003**

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

Members in attendance:

Tracy Hardcastle	Marie Garland	Nancy Williamson	Robin Brady
Todd Hyatt	Danny Allen		

Member absent:

Steve Madson

Others in attendance:

Billy Jack Henderson Chance Welch Kathy Haynes Damon Patterson

I. Call to Order

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

II. Invocation

Robin Brady led the invocation.

III. Pledge

Todd Hyatt 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

Robin Brady made the motion to approve the May 15, 2003 board minutes as read. Todd Hyatt seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

VII. Business

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

After some questions and discussion, Danny Allen made the motion to pay the bills and amend the budget as needed. Todd Hyatt seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

b. Accept Financial Statement

Marie Garland made the motion to accept the financial statement as presented. Nancy Williamson seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

c. Accept Report on Leaver and Comp Ed Audits by Mike Cody

Mike Cody presented his findings on the leaver and comp ed audits. Marie Garland made the motion to accept the audits. Nancy Williamson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

d. Consider the Contract for Mike Cody as School District Auditor

Todd Hyatt made the motion to contract with Mike Cody to perform our

audits for the 2003-2004 school year. Nancy Williamson seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

e. Consider Student Athletic Insurance

Damon Patterson made the recommendation for the same company the school has used for the past seven years for the student athletic insurance. Nancy Williamson made the motion to accept the recommendation. Robin Brady seconded and all voted in favor.

f. Consider the Possibility of Building a New Bus Barn

The board discussed rebuilding a bus barn on the same site and decided to make a final decision later.

g. Authorize Opening of Bosque County Educational Coop Bank Account, Authorize Titles and Number of Signatures

Robin Brady made the motion to authorize Bosque County Bank to open a checking account for the Bosque County Educational Coop with two signatures required. Those authorized are school board president, school board secretary, superintendent, high school principal and elementary principal. Marie Garland seconded. The motion passed with Robin Brady, Marie Garland and Tracy Hardcastle voting for. Danny Allen, Nancy Williamson and Todd Hyatt abstained.

h. Review the New Shared Services Arrangement for Bosque County Educational Coop

This item was tabled as the arrangement was not available.

i. Personnel Issues

At 8:05 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 9:14.

- Acceptance of Resignation of Nancy Hawkins, Foods Director
Todd Hyatt made the motion to accept the resignation of Nancy Hawkins. Marie Garland seconded and all voted in favor.
- Acceptance of the Resignation of Kathy Haynes, Elementary Principal
Nancy Williams made the motion to accept the resignation of Kathy Haynes. Robin Brady seconded and all voted in favor.
- Discuss/Name the Elementary Principal
Nancy Williamson made the motion to extend contract to Damon Patterson as elementary principal. Todd Hyatt seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
- Discuss/Name the Food Service Director
Marie Garland made the motion to give Mr. Henderson the authority to hire the food service director. Nancy Williamson seconded and all voted in favor.
- Discuss the Possibility of Adding the Position of Technology Director
Marie Garland made the motion to begin taking applications for the position of technology director. Todd Hyatt seconded and all voted in favor.
- Review the Board's Policy of Employment Within the District of the Superintendent's Spouse
Marie Garland made the motion to revise the policy to allow employment of the superintendent's spouse. Danny Allen seconded and all voted in favor.

- Review and Consider Staff Pay Raises
Marie Garland made the motion to approve pay raises as recommended by the superintendent. Todd Hyatt seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

VIII. Reports

Mrs. Haynes and Mr. Welch reported on TAKS test results.

Damon Patterson reported on the workout schedule.

Mr. Henderson discussed the TAKS results, vandalism, summer work by custodians and maintenance personnel and the purchase of the cooler for the cafeteria.

The board determined to hold a called meeting on June 24, 2003 at 7:30 to discuss the hiring of the athletic director/football coach.

IX. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Superintendent

Secretary