

Board Minutes
April 13, 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:

Tracy Hardcastle Marie Garland Nancy Williamson Todd Hyatt
Danny Allen

Member absent:

Thad Purcell

I. Call to Order

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

II. Invocation

Nancy Williamson led the invocation.

III. Pledge

Damon Patterson led the pledge to the American flag.

IV. Welcome

The president of the board welcomed those in attendance.

V. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

VI. Board Minutes

Marie Garland made the motion to approve the minutes of the March 9, 2004 board meeting as previously read. Todd Hyatt seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

VII. Business

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

Danny Allen made the motion to pay the expenditures and amend the budget as needed for Meridian ISD and the Bosque County Educational Coop. The motion was seconded by Todd Hyatt and it passed unanimously.

b. Accept Financial Statement

Marie Garland made the motion to accept the financial statements for Meridian ISD and the Bosque County Educational Coop. Nancy Williamson seconded and all voted in favor.

Beth Ann Rose invited the board to the prom and presented each member with an invitation.

c. Recognition of Service and Presentation of Award to Steve Madson

The president presented an award to Steve Madson in recognition of his years on the board.

d. Consider Acceptance of the Conveyance of 0.21 Acres From Valley Mills ISD

Todd Hyatt made the motion accept the conveyance of the 0.21 acres of land where the Bosque County Educational Coop sits. Nancy Williamson seconded and all voted in favor.

- e. **Consider for Approval the Selling of 57 WADA from the 2002-03 School Year**
Mr. Henderson stated that Beckville ISD wants to buy 57 more WADA from the 2002-03 school year. This would be a gain of \$30,128 to Meridian ISD. Marie Garland made the motion to approve selling the additional WADA to Beckville ISD. Nancy Williamson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- f. **Consider for Approval the Spending of WADA Monies Toward Technology Applications**
Recommendations for the spending of the WADA monies for technology were presented by Mark Gerik, technology director. He stated that both campuses had input toward these expenditures. Marie Garland made the motion to approve the expenditures. Nancy Williamson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- g. **Consider Joining the Alvarado Interveners Group**
Mr. Henderson stated that he has determined we are already members of this group that was formed to protect schools in state financing. No action was needed at this time.
- h. **Consider Joining the Central Texas Coalition for Equitable School Funding**
Mr. Henderson presented information to the board and stated that the cost to Meridian ISD is estimated at \$3,750 over a 16 month period if 30 school districts are involved. Todd Hyatt made the motion to approve joining the Central Texas Coalition for Equitable School Funding. Danny Allen seconded this motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- i. **Consider for approval the Addition of a High School Drill Team**
Mrs. Wendy King spoke to the board about adding a high school drill team. Marie Garland made the motion to not have a drill team at this time. Nancy Williamson seconded this motion. The motion passed with Tracy Hardcastle, Marie Garland and Nancy Williamson voting in favor of the motion. Todd Hyatt and Danny Allen voted against the motion.
- j. **Presentation of a Proposal to Implement an After School Piano Program**
Penny Brister introduced Mrs. Parker who made a presentation to the board about the after school piano program. It was determined that a presentation could be made on May 4 when the spring festival and art show would be held. Then the board could make a decision at the May board meeting.
- k. **Updating the Board on Personnel Issues: Food Service Director and Possible Drill Team Sponsor***
Mr. Henderson stated that we have placed an ad in the local paper to fill the food service director's position. He also commended Mrs. King for the work she has done this year.

VIII. Reports

Damon Patterson reported that Zane Reiss' picture was chosen to hang in the governor's office, the 23rd is donuts for dad, and TAKS will be the last week of April.

Chance Welch reported that we were 1st in the UIL academic meet and some students are advancing to regional on April 22 and spring band concert will be May 4.

David Woodard reported on the athletic events – girls golf advancing to regional and area track meet will be held here on Thursday.

Penny Brister reported on the junior high band and the band banquet which will be held on May 17th.

Mr. Henderson reported on the school board election.

Mr. Hardcastle gave an update on the bus barn.

IX. Adjournment

The board meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

President

Secretary