

MERIDIAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
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Board Minutes
March 7, 2002

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

Members in Attendance:

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

Others in Attendance:

Kenneth Bateman	Bill Henderson
Frank Middleton	Damon Patterson
Vicki Davis	Leslie Rogge
Shelley Statler	

I. Call to Order

The President called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m.

II. Invocation

Patti Wagner gave the invocation.

III. Pledge

Danny Allen 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 February 14, 2002 meeting were approved as read.

VII. Business

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

Danny Allen 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 and informed the trustees that 88% of our local taxes have been collected. This leaves approximately \$112,000

yet to be received. Since last month's meeting we lost three students from our enrollment but gained six, which brings the current enrollment to 549. Patti Wagner made the motion to accept the financial statement as presented. Tracy Hardcastle seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. See attachment

c. Discuss Selling Backhoe

Mr. Bateman reminded the Board that four years ago the district purchased a tractor equipped with a backhoe and front loader from Mr. Murphree for \$7,500. This was during the time we were doing a lot of dirt work and was not able to rely on borrowing or renting. The tractor served us well but now it is costing us to maintain it and it sits idle. He requested approval to request bids to see what we could get for it and possibly sell it.

Tracy Hardcastle made the motion to advertise for bids on the tractor. Steve Madson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

d. Review Update (LEGAL) Policies and Act On (LOCAL) Policies as Presented In TASB Localized Update 67

Copies of the Vantage Points, Explanatory Notes, and Instruction sheet for the TASB Localized Policy Manual Update 67 were sent to each trustee prior to the meeting for their review. Mr. Bateman informed them that this update was due to changes made during the legislative session last spring. He reminded them that policies labeled LEGAL have been updated to reflect the changes and do not require board approval. The LOCAL policies have been adapted to the new LEGAL policies and do require their approval.

Marie Garland made the motion that the Board add, revise, or delete (LOCAL) policies as recommended by TASB Policy Service and according to the Instruction sheet for TASB Localized Policy Manual Update 67. Steve Madson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. See attachment

At 7:00 p.m. the president announced that the board would convene in closed session in accordance with Texas Open Meetings Act Section 551.074 to consider resignations and contracts for teachers, coaches, counselors, and librarian.

The Board reconvened in open session at 7:16 p.m.

e. Consider Resignations

Patti Wagner made the motion to accept the resignation of Dolly Maske, effective February 28, 2002, and Ide Moore, effective at the end of the current school year. Nancy Williamson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. See attachment

f. Consider Contracts for Teachers, Coaches, Counselors, and Librarian

Tracy Hardcastle made the motion to approve the contracts as recommended by the administration. Nancy Williamson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. See attachment

VIII. Reports

- a. Mr. Bateman informed the trustees about the Cross Timbers Board Workshop at Tarleton. He encouraged members to attend. Anyone needing to register can call him or Tracine.
- b. Mr. Bateman gave each board member a copy of a memo that was sent from his office to each staff member concerning the new state health insurance plan that goes into affect next year. He brought their attention to the fact that the district will be require to contribute \$150 per month to the staff members who participate in the plan. At this time the district contributes \$100 per month to all staff members. For those who do not participate in the district's health plan the funds go into an annuity. Later the Board will have to decide if the district can afford to contribute the added \$50 per month to all staff or just those who participate in the health plan.
- c. An invitation was given to the members to visit the Intel Training Class on March 25, 2002, at 5:00 p.m., in the High School Computer Lab.

XI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

President

Secretary