

**BOARD MINUTES**  
**January 15, 2009**

The Meridian ISD school meeting was held in the boardroom in the administration building at 204 Second Street.

Members in attendance:

Cynthia Gann	Todd Hyatt	Marie Garland
Kristy Kuykendall	Danny Allen	David Winkler (arrived at 6:42pm)

Members absent:

Rochelle Lentschke

**I. Call to Order**

Marie Garland called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

**II. Invocation**

Cynthia Gann led the invocation.

**III. Pledge**

Danny Allen led the pledge to the American flag.

**IV. Welcome**

Marie Garland welcomed those in attendance

**V. Public Comment**

Mrs. Edwards and some elementary teachers read a poem to the school board members to show their appreciation of their dedication and hard work. Mrs. Koenig had some of her students present the board members with certificates of appreciation. The high school students were represented by members of the NHS, freshman and junior students all showing their appreciation for the board with chocolate and other goodies. Coach Moorhead presented a thank you card created by the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade classes as well as thank you posters done by the sophomore and senior classes. Marie Garland thanked all the students and teachers for the gifts and recognition. Dr. Casey complimented on what a great group of students we have at Meridian ISD.

**VI. Board Minutes**

Kristy Kuykendall moved to approve the board minutes from December 11, 2008, and December 18, 2008. The motion was seconded by David Winkler and the motion carried by all in attendance.

**VII. Business**

- a. Review and Payment of Expenditures and Amend budget as Needed – Meridian ISD and Bosque County Educ. Coop**

David Winkler made a motion to pay the bills and Todd Hyatt seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

**b. Accept Financial Statements – Meridian ISD and BCEC**

Todd Hyatt moved to accept the financial statements and Cynthia Gann seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**c. Consider, Discuss and take Appropriate Action Addition of Teacher Aide at 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Level**

Dr. Casey informed the board there will be an aide hired. Mrs. Edwards gave data on class size and said the aid would be split between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade.

**d. Consider, Discuss and take Appropriate Action hiring of Interim Principal at Meridian Secondary School**

Discussed the interim position being posted and will be filled as soon as possible. The district will act on a permanent principal position as soon as legally possible.

**e. Consider, Discuss and take Appropriate Action on Leasing of Old Elementary Building for uses as an Academic Center for Bosque County.**

Mr. Joy, Mr. Blue and Mr. Hancock presented information on using the building in conjunction with Hill Jr. College to offer college courses that will be beneficial to the residents of Bosque County. Todd Hyatt made a motion to commit to at least one building following negotiations between both parties. The motion was seconded by Danny Allen and all present board members approved.

**f. Duties, Responsibilities and employment of Secondary School Principal \***

**Interim – Superintendent Contract agreement with MISD \***  
**Resignation(s) \***

At 7:45 p.m. the president announced that the board would convene in closed session in accordance with the Texas Open Meeting act Section 551.074. The board reconvened in open session at 8:14 p.m. No action was taken.

**Reports**

**Athletic Director Report**

**1. Update on student success**

Coach Moorhead reported that 8 varsity football players were recognized with Academic All-district honors. Both the girls and boys won the basketball tournament, but lost the district opener against Goldthwaite.

**2. Report on upcoming events**

There will be a Fall Sports Banquet on January 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

**Elementary Principal Report**

**1. Attendance, awards/recognition and enrollment**

The enrollment is at 290 students with an attendance rate of 98%. There will be a pancake supper on February 2<sup>nd</sup> consisting of an orientation for

the upcoming TAKS test. Mrs. Edwards also announced that they have kicked off the box tops for education.

### **High School Principal Report**

#### **1. Attendance, awards/recognition and enrollment**

The enrollment is 233 with an attendance rate of 98.12%. They are very pleased with that number.

### **Superintendent Report**

#### **1. New Suburban is in operation**

The new suburban is being used as a bus route with success.

#### **2. Update on the District Audit Report**

He spoke with the auditor and was assured that the audit would be done before the deadline.

#### **3. Establishment of sick leave pool for Wendy Cummings as allowed under the Board policy DEC (LOCAL)**

Dr. Casey informed the board of the sick leave pool that was established for Mrs. Cummings.

### **VIII. Adjournment**

Todd Hyatt Made a motion to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Cynthia Gann. All approved and the meeting was adjourned at 8:16pm.