

BOARD MINUTES
March 12, 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	Rochelle Lentschke

Members Absent:

David Winkler

I. Call to Order

Marie Garland called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m.

II. Invocation

In lieu of the invocation, Marie Garland led a moment of silence.

III. Pledge

Danny Allen led the pledge to the American flag.

IV. Welcome

Marie Garland welcomed those in attendance

V. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

VI. Board Minutes

None to approve; will approve in regular meeting in April

VII. Business

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

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

b. Accept Financial Statements – Meridian ISD and BCEC

Todd Hyatt moved to accept the financial statements and Rochelle Lentschke seconded the motion. The motion carried.

c. Consider, Discuss and take Appropriate Action on Senior Trip for the Class of 2009

Todd Hyatt made a motion to approve the overnight stay and trip to Fiesta Texas. The motion was seconded by Rochelle Lentschke and all voted in favor.

d. Consider, Discuss and take Appropriate Action on Transfer Students

Todd Hyatt made the motion to accept Bailey McDaniel and Cynthia Gann seconded the motion. The motion carried.

e. Consider, Discuss and take Appropriate Action on Ground Improvements Proposed by Meridian Little League

Rochelle Lentschke moved to allow the baseball association to make improvements and it was seconded by Kristy Kuykendall. All members approved the motion.

f. Consider, Discuss and take Appropriate Action on the Approval of Moving the Board Meeting to the Second Tuesday of Each Month

Cynthia Gann made a motion to move the regular board meeting to the second Tuesday of each month. Rochelle Lentschke seconded the motion and the motion carried.

g. Consult with the District's Attorney on Personnel Issues**

Consider Secondary School Principal's Contract*

Consideration of Professional Contracts*

Consider Athletic Director's Contract*

Resignation(s)*

At 6:58 p.m. the president announced that the board would convene in closed session in accordance with the Texas Open Meeting Act Sections 551.074 and Sections 551.071. The board reconvened in open session at 7:56 p.m.

Cynthia Gann made a motion to nonrenew Kelly Parker's term contract, and I move that the record reflect the following:

--on February 12, 2009, the Board proposed that Kelly Parker's term contract be nonrenewed;

--on February 17th, 2009, the Board President mailed notice of the Board's action to Kelly Parker at his last known address on file in District records and to Mr. Parker's attorney, Brad Newsome;

--Kelly Parker received written notice of the Board's proposal through his attorney, Brad Newsome, on February 18th, 2009;

--the written notice informed Kelly Parker of his right to request a hearing before the Board of Trustees within 15 days of receipt of the notice; and

--Kelly Parker did not make a timely request for a hearing.

The motion was seconded by Todd Hyatt and all approved.

Rochelle Lentschke made a motion to propose suspension without pay of Kelly Parker's term contract in lieu of termination, for a period not to exceed the end of the school year and further move that the record of this action reflect the following:

- before voting on this Motion, the Board considered a draft of the letter to Kelly Parker proposing the suspension without pay and the reasons for the proposed action as stated in the letter; and that by passage of this motion, the Board:
- directs the Interim Superintendent to prepare for the Board President's signature a final Notice of Proposed Suspension Without Pay for Kelly Parker and ensure that the Notice is sent to Mr. Parker as soon as possible;

- directs that the Notice of Proposed Suspension Without Pay include the time limitations and procedure for requesting a hearing before an independent hearing examiner;
- directs the Board President to notify Schwartz & Eichelbaum Wardell Mehl and Hansen, P.C. of this action and request that office to contact and retain an independent attorney on behalf of the Board, to advise the Board concerning legal matters, upon receipt of a recommendation from an independent hearing examiner;
- authorizes Schwartz & Eichelbaum Wardell Mehl and Hansen, P.C. to consult with the Interim Superintendent to approve the final Notice of Proposed Suspension Without Pay and to take whatever actions are necessary and proper to present the case in support of the proposed suspension without pay; and
- directs that a copy of this Motion be attached to the minutes of this meeting and the final Notice of Proposed Suspension Without Pay sent to Kelly Parker.

Todd Hyatt seconded the motion and all approved.

Cynthia Gann made a motion to accept the contracts on Exhibit A. It was seconded by Todd Hyatt and the motion passes.

Rochelle Lentschke made a motion to accept release and resignation agreement of Larry Moorhead. Todd Hyatt seconded the motion and all approved.

VIII. Reports

Athletic Director Report

1. Update on student success

Mr. Hejl talked about the band improving in score from last year and the Cross Debate team advancing to the state meet in Austin.

2. Report on upcoming events

Mr. Hejl distributed a calendar for the upcoming events.

Elementary Principal Report

1. Attendance, awards/recognition and enrollment

Mrs. Edwards passed the newsletter to the board members and discussed some of the upcoming activities. There was 100% attendance for the TAKS test in grades 3, 4, & 5. Current enrollment is 293 and attendance rate is 96%.

High School Principal Report

1. Attendance, awards/recognition and enrollment

Mr. Hejl handed out his report to the board members. It discussed upcoming activities along with concerns that have already been addressed, activities to be addressed and other concerns. The current enrollment at the High School is 223 students.

Superintendent Report

None

XI. Adjournment

Rochelle Lentschke made a motion to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Todd Hyatt. All approved and the meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

President

Secretary