

BOARD MINUTES
March 18, 2008

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

Members in attendance:

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| Marie Garland | Rochelle Lentschke | Kristy Kuykendall |
| Thad Purcell | Todd Hyatt | Danny Allen |

Member absent:

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I. Call to Order

The president called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

II. Invocation

Billy J. Henderson led the invocation.

III. Pledge

Marie Garland led the pledge to the American flag.

IV. Welcome

The president welcomed those in attendance.

V. Public Comment

A letter was presented to the board concerning an incident involving the visitation of a child with her mother during school hours.

VI. Board Minutes

Todd Hyatt made the motion to approve the board minutes of the February 14, 2008 meeting. Thad Purcell seconded. The motion passed with Rochelle Lentschke voting against stating there was a particular item on the agenda that she would have voted differently if she had known particular information. Thad Purcell, Todd Hyatt and Danny Allen voted for the motion.

VII. Business

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

After questions and discussion, Danny Allen made the motion to pay the expenditures and amend the budget as needed for Meridian ISD and Bosque County Educational Coop. Thad Purcell seconded and all voted in favor.

b. Accept Financial Statement

Todd Hyatt made the motion to accept the financial statements of Meridian ISD and Bosque County Educational Coop. Thad Purcell seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

c. Recognize Meridian Elementary for Outstanding Performance on Title I Part A of the No Child Left Behind Program

Mr. Henderson gave this information.

- d. **Presentation by James Hardin Concerning a Memorial in Honor of Walter Parks**
Mr. Hardin addressed the board suggesting that some facility be named in Mr. Parks' memory such as the new elementary or a gymnasium. Mr. Hardin stated that Mr. Parks was very instrumental in bringing Meridian into the future and he gave 27 years to the district. No board action required.
- e. **Elementary School Construction Update**
Mr. Nelson presented the update. The project is still on schedule
- f. **Consider a Proposal for Construction Change**
This is concerning the addition of two doors in the new construction which would make a difference of approximately \$2,100. Thad Purcell made the motion to approve this construction change. Danny Allen seconded and all voted in favor.
- g. **Consider for Approval a Five Year Electricity Contract Option**
Mr. Henderson presented the option of going from a 1 year contract with TASB for electrical service to a five year contract. Todd Hyatt made the motion to continue with the one year contract. Kristy Kuykendall seconded and all voted in favor.
- h. **Discuss Custodial Service**
Mr. Henderson stated that Mr. Faulk had told him that because of the increase in minimum wage their fee would need to be raised. Mr. Faulk will address the board at a later date. No board action is required.
- i. **Consider for Approval the 2008-09 School Calendar**
Thad Purcell made the motion to approve the school calendar as presented. Todd Hyatt seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- j. **Consider for Approval the Moving of the Board Meetings to the Second Tuesday of Each Month**
Todd Hyatt made the motion to approve moving the board meetings to the second Tuesday of each month. Danny Allen seconded and all voted in favor.
- k. **Consider for Approval the Building of Athletic Dressing Facilities at the High School**
Thad Purcell made the motion to table this item until more information is available. Todd Hyatt seconded and all voted in favor.

VIII. Reports

Steve James presented the TAKS results available at this time.

Beverly Huffman reported on benchmarks and awards assembly.

Coach Moorhead reported on athletic events.

Mr. Henderson reported on the elementary building, ATT phone system, school board election and optional extended year program.

- l. **Consider for Approval the Hiring of an Interim Superintendent**
- m. **Consider Contracts for Teachers, Coaches, Counselors, Librarian, Bosque County Educational Coop and Cluster School Staff**
At 7:46 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 10:29 p.m.
Thad Purcell made the motion to table hiring an interim superintendent. Todd Hyatt seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
Thad Purcell made the motion to hire as recommended by the principals. Kristy Kuykendall, Thad Purcell, Todd Hyatt and Danny Allen voted for the motion. Rochelle Lentschke voted against the motion. Motion passed.

IX. Adjournment

Thad Purcell made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:31 p.m. Todd Hyatt seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

President

Secretary