

**MERIDIAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**P.O. Box 349**  
**MERIDIAN, TEXAS 76665**  
**254-435-2081**

**Board Minutes**  
**May 14, 2002**

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

Members in Attendance:

Barbara Domel (out going)	Nancy Williamson
Marie Garland	Steve Madson
Tracy Hardcastle	Todd Hyatt (new member)
Danny Allen	

Members Absent:

Patti Wagner

Others in Attendance:

Kenneth Bateman	Bill Henderson
Frank Middleton	Damon Patterson
Robin Brady	Michele Garza
Leslie Rogge	Shelly Statler
Jim Payne	

**I. Call to Order**

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

**II. Invocation**

Nancy Williamson gave the invocation.

**III. Pledge**

Barbara Domel led the pledge to the American Flag.

**IV. Welcome**

The President welcomed those in attendance.

**V. Public Comment**

Coach Damon Patterson presented a plaque to Barbara Domel expressing his appreciation for her support for the athletic program as she served on the Board for six years.

**VI. Board Minutes**

The minutes of the April 9 & 30 and May 7, 2002 meetings were approved as read.

*At this time Tracy Hardcastle presented a plaque to Barbara Domel expressing the Board's appreciation for her outstanding service on the Board for six years. Mrs. Domel turned the meeting over to vice-president Tracy Hardcastle.*

## **VII. Business**

### **a. Administer Oath of Office to Newly Elected Trustees**

Board member Marie Garland, a notary, administered the oath of office to Tracy Hardcastle and Todd Hyatt.

### **b. Elect Officers**

The vice-president opened the floor for nominations for the office of president.

Danny Allen nominated Tracy Hardcastle. Nancy Williamson seconded the nomination. Tracy Hardcastle was elected unanimously.

The president opened the floor for nominations for the office of vice-president.

Danny Allen nominated Steve Madson. Todd Hyatt seconded the nomination. Steve Madson was elected unanimously.

The president opened the floor for nominations for the office of secretary.

Nancy Williamson nominated Marie Garland. Tracy Hardcastle seconded the nomination. Marie Garland was elected unanimously.

### **c. Review and Payment of Expenditures and Amend Budget as Needed**

Steve Madson made a motion to pay expenditures as presented and amend the budget as needed. Nancy Williamson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **d. Accept Financial Statement**

Marie Garland made a motion to accept the financial statement as presented. Steve Madson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **e. Order School Board Run Off Election**

Mr. Bateman explained that the state had a timeline for conducting a run off election. The election date must be no earlier than twenty days after the date of the recount and no longer than thirty days. Also, early voting must begin seventeen days prior to the election date. Therefore, the earliest date the election can be called is Tuesday, June 4<sup>th</sup> and the latest is Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup>.

Marie Garland made a motion to order the run off election for Tuesday, June 4, 2002. Todd Hyatt seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **f. Appoint Election Judges and Clerks**

Mr. Bateman recommended the Board appoint Gwen Fowler as election judge, Dorothy Crocket as alternate judge/clerk, Beth Phillips as clerk, and Sharon Buck as early voting judge.

Steve Madson made a motion to appoint the individuals as recommended. Todd Hyatt seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**g. Approve 2002-2003 School Calendar**

Mr. Bateman submitted a calendar that resulted from the collaboration of the teachers from both campuses.

Danny Allen made a motion to approve the 2002-2003 School Calendar as recommended. Todd Hyatt seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**h. Approve Adoption of Chemistry Textbook**

The Board was reminded that they adopted science textbooks during the last board meeting. However, Steve Madson noticed that a chemistry text was not included. Mr. Henderson reviewed the Textbook Selection Committee's recommendations and realized that he had mistakenly omitted the chemistry textbook from his original presentation. Therefore, he is recommending the adoption of Modern Chemistry published by Holt, Rinehart & Winston.

Steve Madson made a motion to adopt Modern Chemistry. Marie Garland seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**i. Approve Use of School Buses for Summer Track & Field Program**

Coach Patterson explained the particulars of the program. The Bosque County Bank will underwrite it. A \$5-\$8 fee will be charged per track meet. Each athlete will be charged \$10 for a T-shirt. A track meet will be held in Meridian with the proceeds going to help pay for fuel for the buses used. Due to U.I.L. rules high school athletes must provide their own transportation. However, Coach Patterson requested permission to use school buses to transport those who will be eighth graders or below.

A question was raised about the district's insurance covering such an activity. Mr. Bateman said he would check with the insurance company to make sure.

Steve Madson made a motion to approve the use of the buses pending the results of Mr. Bateman's findings about the insurance. Marie Garland seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**j. Consider Contract with JR3 Education Associates**

Mr. Jim Payne was present to explain the program. The major service they provide is a teacher benefit program that allows teachers, who have met the "rule of 80", to retire with full benefits and still be employed and receive their full salary. This method would allow the district to keep quality teachers in the classroom with students and result in financial savings to the district at the same time.

Steve Madson made a motion to place the item on the agenda for next month's meeting to allow the board members to read the contract carefully and to put the proper thought into the idea. Marie Garland seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**k. Consider Media Honor Roll Resolution**

Mr. Bateman read the Media Honor Roll Resolution and recommended the Board's approval. By taking this action the Board is recognizing Robby James

and the Bosque County News for outstanding coverage of our schools and students. The honor roll is facilitated by TASB and will recognize Robby by publishing his name in their journal Texas Lone Star next August.

Steve Madson made a motion to approve the Media Honor Roll Resolution. Nancy Williamson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**I. Consider Staff Resignations**

Mr. Bateman submitted his letter of resignation to be effective July 1, 2002 to take the Superintendent position at Brock ISD.

Steve Madson made a motion to accept Mr. Bateman's resignation. Todd Hyatt seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

*Before going into executive session, the President requested to change the order of the agenda and have the reports given*

**VIII. Reports**

**a. Progress on Filling Elementary Principal Position**

Kathy Landes has accepted the position. She will visit the elementary campus on Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. A reception will be given in the elementary library at 3:40 p.m. on that date. Mr. Bateman extended an invitation to all Trustees.

**b. Principals' Reports**

Both principals reported on the results of this year's TAAS results.

**c. Athletic Director's Report**

Coach Patterson explained how he was going to conduct the summer conditioning program and assured everyone that it would be done according to UIL rules.

*At 9:02 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 possible strategies concerning the Superintendent position.*

*The Board reconvened in open session at 9:44 p.m.*

**IX. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

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President

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Secretary

