

BOARD MINUTES
November 13, 2008

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

Members in attendance:

Danny Allen	Rochelle Lentschke	Kristy Kuykendall
Cynthia Gann	Marie Garland	Todd Hyatt
David Winkler		

I. Call to Order

The president called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

II. Invocation

Rochelle Lentschke led the invocation.

III. Pledge

Kelly Parker led the pledge to the American flag.

IV. Welcome

The president welcomed those in attendance

V. Public Comment

There was no public comment

VI. Board Minutes

Cynthia Gann made the motion to approve the October 14, 2008 board minutes as previously read. Rochelle Lentschke seconded and all voted in favor.

VII. Business

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

Todd Hyatt made the motion to pay the expenditures. Kristy Kuykendall seconded. All voted in favor.

b. Accept Financial Statements – Meridian ISD and BCEC

Todd Hyatt made the motion to accept the financial statements of Meridian ISD and Bosque County Educational Coop. Rochelle Lentschke seconded and all voted in favor.

c. Consider, Discuss and take Appropriate Action on TexPool Resolution Amending Authorized Representative for MISD

Danny Allen made a motion to remove Tracine Anderson from the TexPool accounts and Todd Hyatt seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Todd Hyatt made a motion to approve Jami Edwards as an authorized representative for MISD. Rochelle Lentschke seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

- d. Consider, Discuss and take Appropriate Action on Student Transfer Requests**
Kristy Kuykendall made a motion to accept the transfer. Todd Hyatt seconded the motion and all voted in favor.
- e. Consider, Discuss and take Appropriate Action on Purchase of 77 Passenger Bus through the TASB Buy Board**
Dr. Casey gave background on research done by him & Russell Crawford. After some discussion Danny Allen made a motion to purchase the Blue Bird bus and Todd Hyatt seconded the motion. All voted in favor.
- f. Consider, Discuss and take Appropriate Action on Providing Food items and “Chamber of Commerce Cash” to Staff as Holiday Gifts**
After some discussion on legalities of giving cash, David Winkler made a motion to give a turkey or ham at Thanksgiving and a turkey or ham at Christmas to increase employee productivity and moral and if possible to purchase them from the FFA. Todd Hyatt seconded the motion and all voted in favor.
- g. Consider, Discuss and take Appropriate Action on Meridian Elementary School for being a Title I Distinguished Performance school for 2007-08**
Mrs. Kim Edwards explained the criteria for being eligible for this recognition. Meridian Elementary school was one of only four in Region 12 to be honored with the award. No action was needed.
- h. Consider, Discuss and take Appropriate Action on Approval of Elementary and Secondary Campus Improvement Plans**
Mrs. Kim Edwards gave an overview of the Elementary Campus Improvement Plan. She mentioned that she was happy to be able to have part in the plan this year, but it needs to be done earlier next year. Mr. Howard Norman reviewed the Secondary Campus Improvement Plan. He thanked Mr. Kelly Parker for the guidance he provided while working on the plan. Marie Garland made a motion to table this item in order to be able to review the plans. Rochelle Lentschke seconded the motion and all voted in favor.
- i. Consider, Discuss and take Appropriate Action on Purchasing of a Pitching Machine for Girls’ Softball Program**
There was discussion on the value of the pitching machine then Todd Hyatt made a motion to purchase the machine and it was seconded by Danny Allen. All voted in favor.
- j. Consider, Discuss and take Appropriate Action on Purchasing a Front End Loader for Maintenance**
Dr. Casey explained that the budget will be ok after purchasing the equipment and that Russell said it will be used. Todd Hyatt made a motion to purchase the front end loader and Danny Allen seconded it. All voted in favor.

VIII. Reports

Athletic Director Report

There was a 3-way tie for 2nd place in district. A coin flip determined that Meridian was not in the football playoffs.

There are two State CC qualifiers, Eligio Ramirez and Samantha Galloway.

The boys are beginning to get into basketball after the heartbreak in football. On another note, the girls beat Lipan.

Elementary Principal Report

There was an article in the paper about the dedication of the new building.

She passed out a newsletter that will be going to parents that highlights upcoming events.

She also announced that next Friday November 21, 2008 is the family feast.

High School Principal Report

The attendance is at 96.4% which is lower than expected.

The HS girls are to play Hico Friday night.

The exit level TAKS testing has not yet been received.

He gave the dates and locations of the upcoming college days.

He reminded of the parent meeting and blood drive.

Superintendent Report

Dr. Casey gave the reminder of being out of the office in November.

He is looking at improving the compensation for paraprofessional staff.

The board was advised that Tracine Anderson had submitted a formal resignation and it will be accepted.

l. Consider, Discuss and take Appropriate Action on Development of a Time Line on Hiring a Permanent Superintendent *

Dr. Casey spoke with TASB and got three dates they could meet with the board and explain what their services include. The first meeting will incur no cost to the district. Todd Hyatt made a motion to meet with TASB on November 17 and it was seconded by Danny Allen. Six were in favor and David Winkler opposed due to the fact he will be unable to make that meeting.

k. Consider, Discuss and take Appropriate Action on 2008-09 Compensation for Athletic Director *

At 7:40 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 8:22 p.m. No action was taken. Rochelle Lentschke made a motion to table the issue to the next meeting on Monday, November 17, 2008. Kristy Kuykendall seconded the motion. Six were in favor and David Winkler opposed.

XI. Adjournment

Todd Hyatt made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Rochelle Lentschke seconded it. All voted in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 8:24 p.m.