

**BOARD MINUTES**  
**October 14, 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 (arrived at 6:40)		

**I. Call to Order**

The president called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

**II. Invocation**

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

**III. Pledge**

Todd Hyatt 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**

Kristy Kuykendall made the motion to approve the September 9, 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**  
Todd Hyatt made the motion to pay the expenditures and amend the budget as needed. Cynthia Gann seconded. All voted in favor.
- b. Accept Financial Statements**  
Todd Hyatt made the motion to accept the financial statements of Meridian ISD and Bosque County Educational Coop. Kristy Kuykendall seconded and all voted in favor.
- c. Discussion of 2007-08 ESL Program and TELPAS Testing Information**  
Mindy Davis stated that it is a requirement to give the board an annual statement on the ESL program. She reported on student counts and testing.
- d. Presentation of the 2006-07 School Year's Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas**  
Dr. Casey presented the 2006-07 school year's financial integrity rating system. Our rating is "Superior Achievement". He commended the previous superintendent, Billy Henderson, and the business manager, Tracine Anderson, for a job well done.
- e. Discussion and Possible Ratification Approval of Waiver Application Request to TEA for 3 Early Release Days on September 17, 18 and 19**  
Todd Hyatt made the motion to approve the waiver application request presented for ratification. Rochelle Lentschke seconded and all voted in favor.

- f. **Discussion and Possible Action on District Investment Policy and Investment Strategies**  
Dr. Casey stated that Meridian ISD's funds are invested in safe accounts with TEXPOOL and our depository bank. Rochelle Lentschke made the motion to continue with the same investment policies. Todd Hyatt seconded. All voted in favor.
- g. **Discussion and Possible Action on Naming a Meridian ISD Facility After Mr. Walter B. Parks, Past Meridian ISD Superintendent**  
Cynthia Gann stated that she had spoken to Mr. Park's daughter about his tenure at Meridian ISD. Todd Hyatt made the motion to spend up to \$500 for a plaque to name the Meridian ISD elementary library after Mr. Walter B. Parks, Jr. Cynthia Gann seconded and all voted in favor.
- h. **Discussion and Possible Action on Increasing Meridian ISD Substitute Teacher Pay**  
After some discussion, Todd Hyatt made the motion to increase substitute pay to \$60 for non-degreed, \$70 for degreed and \$85 for long term. Rochelle Lentschke seconded and all voted in favor.
- i. **Discussion and Possible Action on Arranging for Region 12 ESC to do Board Training at Meridian ISD**  
No action was taken.
- j. **Discussion and Possible Action on Selling Modular Classroom Buildings Located at Old Elementary Site**  
Dr Casey stated that he had inquiries about buying the portable buildings. No action was taken.
- k. **Discussion and Possible Action on Whether to Purchase Christmas Gifts for Meridian ISD Staff Members**  
The board wants to continue giving as in the past. Dr. Casey will research further. Todd Hyatt made the motion to table this item. Danny Allen seconded and all voted in favor.
- l. **Discussion and Possible Action on Purchasing a New Bus**  
The board discussed with Dr. Casey the possibility of purchasing a propane bus. The board instructed Dr. Casey to get more information on the propane bus.
- m. **Discussion of Purchasing a Suburban Through the TASB Buyboard**  
Dr. Casey explained the Buyboard procedures and stated he has ordered a new suburban.
- n. **Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Student Transfer Requests**  
No action was needed.
- p. **Discuss and Possible Action on Board Meeting Dates**  
The board meetings will be held on the second Thursday of the month beginning in November continuing through basketball season.

## VIII. Reports

Dr. Casey reported on the dedication ceremony, resignations and hirings. The elementary principal reported on schedules and the new building. The high school principal reported on enrollment, attendance and activities. The board presented Tracine Anderson with a gift and card thanking her for her years of service with Meridian ISD.

- o. **Personnel – Compensation for Athletic Director**  
*At 8:06 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 8:34 p.m.*  
No action was taken.

**IX. Adjournment**

Rochelle Lentschke made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 p.m. Kristy Kuykendall seconded and all voted in favor.

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President

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Secretary