**Minutes**

**Regular Board of Education Meeting**

**August 9, 2023**

**7:00 p.m.**

The board of education of the Meredosia-Chambersburg School District met in regular session on August 9, 2023 in the Board Room of the Meredosia-Chambersburg School. President Brian Werries called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll call was taken with the following members present: Brian Werries, Jeff Browning, Erica DeWitt, Jason Morton, Seth Schmitz, Alan Taylor. Madeline Buhlig was absent. Also present were Principal Kirk Graham, Superintendent Thad Walker, District bookkeeper Shari Kleinlein, Christina Brant and Shirley Bilyeu.

Member Alan Taylor made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Member Erica DeWitt seconded the motion. By unanimous vote motion carried 6 yeas – 0 nays.

**Reports:**

**Superintendent/Grade School Superintendent’s Report given by Mr. Walker:**

* Lynelle Campbell turned in her resignation on August 1st, we were prepared for this to happen and have a recommendation for that position as well as the PE and the school nurse aid positions.
* The storefront replacement is 95% done, Billy Ackers the owner of the company had a heart attack last week and he is waiting on the glass.
* Mr. and Mrs. Rahe have been getting their classrooms ready to go. We have purchased 4 lathes and tables for the industrial arts classroom. He has a variety of projects for the students for this year.
* The custodial staff is doing a great job getting everything completed.
* Triple A asbestos abatement company has been great to work with, they have covered everything with the fire. They are having a new vent made through Peter’s for the vent they cut out to in to the fire.
* All the lights in the main building and new building and ceiling tile have been installed. We are waiting on the new Sky light, but that should be completed before school starts.
* Next years plan for projects as of now are new gym roof and new store front to the back of the building on Mr. Sievers’ side of the building and hopefully the power upgrade from Ameren.
* I have contacted Ameren about the outside lights. No response from the service center so I called in a favor from a family member who works for Ameren to get that completed.
* I can’t say enough about Ms. Carmean, Mrs. Kleinlein and Mrs. Lawson. It has been a fantastic summer. They work hard to make sure everything is ready to go for the next school year. I have said it a million times, this is the best place to work with fantastic people. As a board you should be very proud to have the dedication to the school that these three ladies have. Also Rob and Jerry and the custodians.
* I will have a list of dates for you to start the school year at the meeting once everything is finalized.
* Personal issue to be discussed during closed session.
* Amanda Ketcham will be doing the JH Special Ed. Self-contained classroom this year.
* New items……..

**JH/HS Principal’s Report given by Mr. Graham:**

1. School registration is Tuesday, August 8. Very well attended. Everything went very smoothly.
2. Thursday, August 10 the District Leadership team will be meeting:
   1. Zoom meeting with our Learning Partner for the 2023-24 school year.
      1. Learning partner is ULLC and have worked with several schools in Illinois.
      2. Mr. Walker, Ms. Howard and I have already had an initial meeting with them and look forward to having them working with us.
   2. We will be completing the JH School Improvement Plan.
   3. SIP will be presented at the September Board meeting for approval.
3. Band plan for fundraising to help off-set cost of new uniforms.
4. Recommendations for personnel (closed session)
   1. JH Assist. Softball Volunteer Coach: Dean Werries
      1. Dean has completed the concussion certification
      2. Dean has also completed the background check
   2. JH Assist. Softball Volunteer Coach: Brock Rohn
      1. Brock is working on the concussion certification
      2. Brock is getting finger-printed on Monday August 7th-should have the results before the meeting.
5. Anything new????

Shirt orders- Jr. Class and shirts for the Volleyball tournament.

Member Seth Schmitz made the motion to go into Closed Session at 7:15 p.m. to discuss litigation, land acquisition, negotiations, student disciplinary cases, and to consider information regarding the appointment, employment, or dismissal of an employee or officer. Member Jeff Browning seconded the motion. Member Jason Morton made the motion to return from closed session and Member Seth Schmitz seconded the motion. Board returned from closed session at 7:25 p.m.

Member Seth Schmitz made a motion to accept the resignation of Ashley Sanders as the JH Girls Head Softball Coach Member Madeline Buhlig seconded the motion. All approved and the motion carried. 7 yeas and 0 nays.

Member Jason Morton made a motion to approve to Accept the Press Plus Issue 112. Member Alan Taylor seconded the motion. All approved and the motion carried. 6 yeas and 0 nays.

Member Erica DeWitt made a motion to approve the Resolution to set budget hearing on September 13th at 6:50pm Member Jason Morton seconded the motion. All approved and the motion carried. 6 yeas and 0 nays.

Member Seth Schmitz made a motion to Approve the hiring of Marcie Herter as a classroom aide. Member Erica DeWitt seconded the motion. Roll Call vote was as follows: Brian Werries, yea; Jeff Browning, yea; Erica DeWitt, yea; Jason Morton, yea; Seth Schmitz, yea; Alan Taylor, yea; Motion carried. 6 yeas and 0 nays.

Member Jason Morton made a motion to approve the hiring of Amanda Ketcham as the JH Special Ed self-contained classroom teacher. Member Seth Schmitz seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Jeff Browning, yea; Erica DeWitt, yea; Jason Morton, yea; Seth Schmitz, yea; Alan Taylor, yea; Brian Werries, yea; Motion carried 6 yeas and 0 nays.

Member Alan Taylor made a motion to approve the hiring of Grace Duesterhaus as the nurse aide. Member Jeff Browning seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Erica DeWitt, yea; Jason Morton, yea; Seth Schmitz, yea; Alan Taylor, yea; Brian Werries, yea; Jeff Browning, yea; Motion carried 6 yeas and 0 nays.

Member Seth Schmitz made a motion to approve the hiring of Justin Fuhler as the JH/HS PE teacher. Member Erica DeWitt seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Jason Morton, yea; Alan Taylor, yea; Brian Werries, yea; Jess Browning, yea; Erica DeWitt, yea; motion carried. 6 yeas and 0 nays.

Member Alan Taylor made the motion to approve Brock Rohn as a volunteer Assistant JH Girls Softball Coach Member Seth Schmitz seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Seth Schmitz, yea; Alan Taylor, yea; Brian Werries, yea; Jeff Browning, yea; Erica DeWitt, yea; Jason Morton, yea; motion carried 6 yeas and 0 nays.

Member Jason Morton made a motion to approve Dean Werries as a volunteer Assistant JH girls Softball Coach. Member Jeff Browning seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Alan Taylor, yea; Brian Werries, yea; Jeff Browning, yea; Erica DeWitt, yea; Jason Morton, yea; Seth Schmitz, yea; motion carried 6 yeas and 0 nays.

Member Erica DeWitt made a motion to approve the hiring of Chaz Walker as the Industrial Arts classroom aide. Member Jason Morton seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Brian Werries, yea; Jeff Browning, yea; Erica DeWitt, yea; Jason Morton, yea; Motion carried 6 yeas and 0 nays.

Member Jason Morton made a motion to approve to go ahead and order the new band uniforms. Member Jeff Browning seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Jeff Browning, yea; Erica DeWitt, yea; Jason Morton, yea; Seth Schmitz, yea; Alan Taylor, yea; Brian Werries, yea; Motion carried 6 yeas and 0 nays.

Member Seth Schmitz made a motion to Adjourn the meeting. Member Jeff Browning seconded the motion. By unanimous vote meeting was adjourned at 7:33pm.

Special Board meeting to be held September 13, 2023 at 6:50pm.

Next Regular meeting to be held September 13, 2023 at 7:00pm.

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President, Brian Werries

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Secretary, Erica DeWitt