

Minutes
Regular Board of Education Meeting
February 19, 2020
7 p.m.

The board of education of the Meredosia-Chambersburg School District met in regular session February 19, 2020 in the boardroom of the Meredosia-Chambersburg School. Vice President Kevin Duesterhaus called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll call was taken with the following members present: Kevin Duesterhaus, Brian Werries, Madeline Buhlig, Jeff Browning, Scott Gregory and Alan Taylor. Member Jason Morton arrived at 7:03 p.m. Also present were Superintendent Thad Walker, JH Principal Jeff Abell, Carolyn Browning, district bookkeeper, Christine Brant, Shirley Bilyeu, Madison Gregory, Peyton Knous, Russell Gregory, Emily Tweedy and Evan Hughes.

Member Brian Werries made a motion to approve the consent agenda after a question. Member Madeline Buhlig seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Jason Morton, yea; Kevin Duesterhaus, yea; Brian Werries, yea; Madeline Buhlig, yea; Jeff Browning, yea; Scott Gregory, yea and Alan Taylor, yea. Motion carried 7 yeas – 0 nays.

There were no public Comments.

Reports:

Superintendent's Report:

- A student has been placed at HOPE School in Springfield and she has been riding the Jacksonville bus. She was removed from the bus due to her behavior on the bus. I have contacted Beardstown school for transportation. We have decided to have Rob Windell drive her over and pick her up along with an aide.
- We need to add an aide in the first grade classroom also for two students that had IEP's last week. The two students – one was labeled with an ED label and one may have an autistic label in the future. That label takes some more time to get in place their medical diagnosis. Gracie Duesterhaus is the person we have as an aide in the 1st grade for these 2 students.
- The roof has been fixed from the wind damage earlier and we did receive a check from the insurance company for \$5,400. We had a \$1000 deductible and cost of repair \$6400.
- A new law states that we need to have all volunteers and new hires do a background check. We do this already for new hires but it also goes to volunteers as of January 1, 2020.
- My wife has been diagnosed with a melanoma in her thoracic cavity and will need further treatment. I will explain more in the executive session.
- We are in the process of working with our approved provider through ROE#1. In the coming month we will have more information on our School Improvement Plan and our plan of attack. We have assembled a group of teachers to help us with this process. Amy Davis, Sheryl Session, Jill Kilver and Travis Sievers. We will have data to share with you in the coming month or so.

JH/HS Principal's Report:

- February 3rd we hosted a HS girls basketball game as well as a pork chop dinner.
- February 4th marked the third quarter midterm. Midterm grades were sent home on February 7th.
- We had a walkthrough by our learning partner, ROE, on February 5th. They will continue their observations on February 11th and 13th.
- I will be attending the ESSA Conference in Chicago February 10th-12. My main focus will be to attend IL-Empower sessions.
- The Den, our student incentive room, is up and running. I have had some positive feedback from both students and staff on this addition.
- We are up to 208 followers on Instagram.
- Dates: March 5th some of our HS students will be attending a career fair at Illinois College
- March 6th – End of the 3rd Quarter
- March 16th-20th IAR Testing

JH/HS Principal's Report continued:

- April 14th – SAT for Juniors and the PSAT for the Freshman/Sophomores
- Looking at graduation requirements on scheduling – we could go to 7 periods from 8 periods and consolidate 7-12 lunch period. Working with Mr. Graham on this. We would like to use APEX as class recovery and not used as regular classes. Trying to find more time for instruction.

Member Kevin Dueterhaus made the motion to go into Closed Session at 7:26 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 Scott Gregory seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Kevin Dueterhaus, yea; Brian Werries, yea; Madeline Buhlig, yea; Jeff Browning, yea; Scott Gregory, yea; Alan Taylor, yea; and Jason Morton, yea. Motion carried 7 yeas – 0 nays. Member Kevin Dueterhaus made the motion to return from closed session and Member Jeff Browning seconded the motion. Board returned from closed session at 7:52 p.m.

Member Alan Taylor made a motion to adopt a resolution to approve 2nd reading of IASB School District policy update. Member Scott Gregory seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Madeline Buhlig, yea; Jeff Browning, yea; Scott Gregory, yea; Alan Taylor, yea; Jason Morton, yea; Kevin Dueterhaus, yea and Brian Werries, yea. Motion carried 7 yeas – 0 nays.

Member Jeff Browning made a motion to approve hiring a classroom aide – Gracie Dueterhaus. Member Scott Gregory seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Jeff Browning, yea; Scott Gregory, yea; Alan Taylor, yea; Jason Morton, yea; Kevin Dueterhaus-abstain; Brian Werries, yea and Madeline Buhlig, yea. Motion carried 6 yeas – 0 nays and 1 abstain.

Member Kevin Dueterhaus made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Brian Werries seconded the motion. By unanimous vote meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

President, Jason Morton

Secretary, Madeline Buhlig