

**Minutes**  
**Regular Board of Education Meeting**  
**June 10, 2020**  
**7 p.m.**

The board of education of the Meredosia-Chambersburg School District met in regular session June 10, 2020 in the cafeteria of the Meredosia-Chambersburg School. Brian Werries, acting president called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll call was taken with the following members present: Brian Werries, Madeline Buhlig, Jeff Browning, and Alan Taylor. Members Jason Morton, Kevin Duesterhaus, and Scott Gregory were absent. Also present were Superintendent Thad Walker, JH Principal Jeff Abell, Carolyn Browning, district bookkeeper, Christine Brant, Shirley Bilyeu.

Member Alan Taylor made a motion to approve the consent agendas. Member Madeline Buhlig seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Brian Werries, yea; Madeline Buhlig, yea; Jeff Browning, yea; and Alan Taylor, yea. Motion carried 4 yeas – 0 nays.

Superintendent Thad Walker thanked Shirley Bilyeu and Christine Brant from the newspaper for the wonderful publicity they gave the school in the Jacksonville Journal Courier. It definitely highlighted the school in their articles and was appreciated.

**Reports:**

**Superintendent's Report:**

- The Governor has signed the budget and we should get the same amount of funding. Mr. Walker explained the Monticello school superintendent has been asked to stay on board to oversee the CPPRT monies since he is very knowledgeable and we don't want the CPPRT monies to get misused or taken away.
- We have successfully managed to get all of our packet work back from all but 7 students. Thanks to the efforts of Mr. Abell and Mr. Graham making contacts with the families and many other things they have done. I could not be more proud of our complete staff through this trying time in education. The whole staff has stepped up and did what was necessary to get things done.
- June 9<sup>th</sup> summer school began from 9-11:30 for the 7 students. It will go through June or if they finish sooner.
- Media center project is underway and the 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> grade rooms are complete with the new carpet. Regular summer cleaning is in progress as well.
- We are currently planning for three different openings for next year: Blended start packet and classroom, remote learning packets, and regular start. There will be more guidance coming out in late June hopefully. Whatever was we come back we will be prepared.
- We will need to hire a new 1 on 1 aide for Eli Schmitz who is going into Kindergarten. I am not sure who that will be yet but I would like to hire Rhonda Morton as an aide.
- The steps to the playground will be starting once the rain stops.
- We have received CARES ACT money in the form of a grant. It has been completed and sent in. We will be purchasing 150 chromebooks, cleaning supplies, chromebook cases, electronic highlighters for teachers, and Apex online curriculum. We received \$68,465.
- The National Guard stayed in the building for 4 days and did a great job cleaning the areas they were in. They gave us a certificate of appreciation for using the building.
- I am in the process of working with Illinois Rural Electric to get three wifi hotspots placed in the community for the internet. I will have more information when that becomes available. This will also be paid for out of the CARES Act grant. The cost approximately \$10,800 a year.
- The elementary had all but one student complete their packet work. That student will be finishing his packet this summer or will be kept out of certain activities until his work is complete at a satisfactory level. No student is getting a free pass from not turning in work. It does not have to be correct just needs to be turned in at a satisfactory completion.

Superintendent's Report continued:

- I will be going to Texas on July 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> with my wife for her next checkup and to see if any further treatment is needed.
- Our 2 new large buses arrived June 3<sup>rd</sup> – we are still leasing them from Central States Bus Sales in Missouri.
- We had a webinar with the state on June 10<sup>th</sup> on guidance for finishing the calendar for the year and moving forward with next year's calendar. We are looking at a start date of August 16-18<sup>th</sup>.

JH/HS Principal's Report:

- HS Graduation was held on May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7 p.m. followed by a graduation parade around town. I would like to thank the MCSD staff and the community for a fantastic night. It went very well and we had lots of positive comments. I really appreciated how the community came out for the graduates.
- On June 2<sup>nd</sup> we had book return, personal item pick up, report card handout, and handed out 8<sup>th</sup> grade promotion certificates as well as the remaining packet completion certificates.
- I want to thank the staff for their diligence throughout the school closure providing distance learning as well as helping handout packets and lunches weekly.
- I also want to thank our students and parents for their efforts during this difficult time. It was truly a group effort to finish the school year strong.
- We have a few students that will be required to complete summer school in June to meet our minimum distance learning requirements.
- Work on the JH/HS library/media center has started and I will be posting updates on Instagram.
- Our IL Empower Team will continue to meet weekly throughout the summer.
- We are up to 229 followers on the school Instagram!

Member Jeff Browning made the motion to go into Closed Session at 7:31 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 Alan Taylor seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Brian Werries, yea; Madeline Buhlig, yea; Jeff Browning, yea; and Alan Taylor, yea. Motion carried 4 yeas – 0 nays. Member Madeline Buhlig made the motion to return from closed session and Member Alan Taylor seconded the motion. Board returned from closed session at 7:38 p.m.

Member Madeline Buhlig made a motion to approve renewal of Life Safety Bond for Sandy Battefeld for 2020-2021. Member Jeff Browning seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Madeline Buhlig, yea; Jeff Browning, yea; Alan Taylor, yea and Brian Werries, yea. Motion carried 4 yeas – 0 nays.

Member Alan Taylor made a motion to approve 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of the IASB school district policy updates. Member Madeline Buhlig seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Jeff Browning, yea; Alan Taylor, yea; Brian Werries, yea and Madeline Buhlig, yea. Motion carried 4 yeas – 0 nays.

Member Madeline Buhlig made a motion to approve Treasurer's Bond for Jeannie Battefeld, Activity Fund Treasurer. Member Alan Taylor seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Alan Taylor, yea; Brian Werries, yea; Madeline Buhlig, yea and Jeff Browning, yea. Motion carried 4 yeas – 0 nays.

Member Jeff Browning made a motion to approve Risk Management Plan. Member Alan Taylor seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Brian Werries, yea; Madeline Buhlig, yea; Jeff Browning, yea and Alan Taylor, yea. Motion carried 4 yeas – 0 nays.

Member Alan Taylor made a motion to hire Rhonda Morton as a paraprofessional aide. Member Jeff Browning seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Madeline Buhlig, yea; Jeff Browning, yea; Alan Taylor, yea and Brian Werries, yea. Motion carried 4 yeas – 0 nays.

Member Madeline Buhlig made a motion to approve School Improvement Plan. Member Jeff Browning seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Jeff Browning, yea; Alan Taylor, yea; Brian Werries, yea and Madeline Buhlig, yea. Motion carried 4 yeas – 0 nays.

Member Alan Taylor made a motion to approve Victoria Miller as 2020-2021 HS Volleyball Head coach. Member Jeff Browning seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Alan Taylor, yea; Brian Werries, yea; Madeline Buhlig, yea and Jeff Browning, yea. Motion carried 4 yeas – 0 nays.

Member Madeline Buhlig made a motion to approve Ashley Sanders as 2020-2021 JH Girls Softball Head coach. Member Jeff Browning seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Brian Werries, yea; Madeline Buhlig, yea; Jeff Browning, yea and Alan Taylor, yea. Motion carried 4 yeas – 0 nays.

Member Jeff Browning made a motion to approve IHSA Stage 1 Return to Play. Member Alan Taylor seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Madeline Buhlig, yea; Jeff Browning, yea; Alan Taylor, yea and Brian Werries, yea. Motion carried 4 yeas – 0 nays.

Member Madeline Buhlig made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Alan Taylor seconded the motion. By unanimous vote meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

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President, Jason Morton

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Secretary, Madeline Buhlig