

Minutes
Regular Board of Education Meeting
July 8, 2020
7 p.m.

The board of education of the Meredosia-Chambersburg School District met in regular session July 8, 2020 in the science room of the Meredosia-Chambersburg School. President Jason Morton called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll call was taken with the following members present: Kevin Duesterhaus, Madeline Buhlig, Jeff Browning, Scott Gregory and Alan Taylor. Member Brian Werries was absent. Also present were JH Principal Jeff Abell, Carolyn Browning, district bookkeeper, Christine Brant, Shirley Bilyeu.

Member Alan Taylor made a motion to approve the consent agendas. Member Scott Gregory seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Jason Morton, yea; Kevin Duesterhaus, yea; Madeline Buhlig, yea; Jeff Browning, yea; Scott Gregory, yea and Alan Taylor, yea. Motion carried 6 yeas – 0 nays.

JH/HS Principal Jeff Abell gave the Superintendent report since Mr. Walker wasn't able to attend.

Reports:

Superintendent's Report:

- We have discussed the return to school and we are able to do a blended model. We would like to have school Monday-Thursday and Friday will be a remote learning/E-learning day. Also we have a shortened day as well planned. We need to have 5 clock hours of instruction a day. The start time will be the same but we have not gotten all the details worked out yet for the times. We feel that not having the students being able to perform a normal day that 5 days a week – 7.5 hours a day would be too much for the students to sit in one room and have very little movement. Mr. Abell elaborated a little more on how they think the day might look.
- We would like to hire Cindy Potter as our RTI person for elementary and JH. She will be paid out of the IL Empower grant. Her salary would be \$30,000 the same as it was last year.
- The steps have been completed in the back going down the hill to the playground. They look very nice.
- We are still waiting on the guidance from ISBE and IDPH for sports this fall.
- We may need to move a few classrooms around to accommodate the 4th and 5th grade rooms because of numbers in the classes to give them proper spacing.
- When the calendar becomes available for the 2020-2021 school year I will send the union a copy to approve. The plan is to start August 17th and one Teacher institute day and two planning days for covid training. We have five days we can put into the calendar that counts as student attendance for covid planning.
- Our goal is to have students here as much as possible but we want to do it safely as well.

JH/HS Principal's Report:

- We have completed summer school for those students needing to meet our minimum distance learning requirements.
- Our custodians have been doing a great job with our summer maintenance cleaning.
- Work on the JH/HS library/media center continues. The HVAC is done and work on the drop ceiling has begun. We are waiting for the electricians to come and finish. I will continue posting updates on Instagram.
- Our IL-Empower Team will continue to meet weekly throughout the summer. We have started working on our distance learning rubric.
- We are up to 234 followers on Instagram.
- We are planning on allowing Band Camp which will be the first part of August with specific guidelines.

Member Kevin Duesterhaus made the motion to go into Closed Session at 7:32 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. Unanimous vote 6-0.

Member Alan Taylor made the motion to return from closed session and Member Scott Gregory seconded the motion. Board returned from closed session at 8:12 p.m.

Member Madeline Buhlig made a motion to finalize IASB School district policy updates. Member Jeff Browning seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Kevin Duesterhaus, yea; Madeline Buhlig, yea; Jeff Browning, yea; Scott Gregory, yea; Alan Taylor, yea and Jason Morton, yea. Motion carried 6 yeas – 0 nays.

Member Scott Gregory made a motion to hire Cindy Potter as RTI coordinator. Member Kevin Duesterhaus seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Madeline Buhlig, yea; Jeff Browning, yea; Scott Gregory, yea; Alan Taylor, yea; Jason Morton, yea and Kevin Duesterhaus, yea. Motion carried 6 yeas – 0 nays.

Member Kevin Duesterhaus made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Alan Taylor seconded the motion. By unanimous vote meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

President, Jason Morton

Secretary, Madeline Buhlig