

**Minutes**  
**Regular Board of Education Meeting**  
**February 10, 2021**  
**7 p.m.**

The board of education of the Meredosia-Chambersburg School District met in regular session February 10, 2021 in the cafeteria 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: Jason Morton, Brian Werries, Madeline Buhlig, Jeff Browning, Scott Gregory and Alan Taylor. Member Kevin Duesterhaus was absent. Also present were Superintendent Thad Walker, Jr./Sr. High Principal Jeff Abell, Carolyn Browning, district bookkeeper, Christine Brant and Shirley Bilyeu.

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

There were no public comments.

**Reports:**

**Superintendent's Report:**

- On our S & P Global report we received an A on our credit rating. We locked our bond rate in at 1.41% The bonds were all sold February 3<sup>rd</sup> and our closing date will be February 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Mr. Abell and Debbie have been doing some kitchen organizing. They are working on the backroom to handle more supplies and we are also looking into purchasing a new stove to replace the two old non-working ovens we currently have. We are also looking at replacing our steamer since it was looked at and one side of the steamer can not be replaced that isn't working because of its age as well.
- I would also like to look into getting the kitchen and cafeteria air conditioned to be able to use our space that we have available. We can use our 1% sales tax money to fund this project.
- Sports – This has been the hot topic for the last week and continues to change. We are having home fans only and a concession stand.
- We do need to hire the assistant coaches and Eugene Link will be a volunteer assistant for girls JH basketball.
- There will be no school this Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup> and once again on March 5<sup>th</sup> for when they are offering the COVID Vaccine for tier 1B workers. This will be for district school staff only and will be held at Jacksonville High School. We stayed late on February 4<sup>th</sup> and will on March 4<sup>th</sup> to make up for our day on those Friday's.

**JH/HS Principal's Report:**

- The IHSA released their return to play schedule on January 27<sup>th</sup>
- We will be live streaming all home games on Facebook Live.
- The 2:45 dismissal has been going well. We are already seeing benefits from the extra time.
- On February 5<sup>th</sup> staff had the option to receive their first COVID vaccination at Jacksonville High School. The second vaccination date is March 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Our midterm for the third quarter was February 4<sup>th</sup> and grade will be going home February 11<sup>th</sup>.
- The end of the third quarter will be March 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Our custodians have continued doing a great job keeping the building clean and safe.
- Our IL-Empower Team continues to meet weekly.
- We are up to 249 followers on Instagram.

Member Alan Taylor made the motion to go into Closed Session at 7:21 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 Brian Werries 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 IASB School District Policy 106 updates. Member Brian Werries seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Jason Morton, yea; Brian Werries, yea; Madeline Buhlig, yea; Jeff Browning, yea; Scott Gregory, yea; and Alan Taylor, yea. Motion carried 6 yeas; 0 nays.

Member Jeff Browning made a motion to approve hiring Tracy Lawson as Assistant Track Coach. Member Alan Taylor seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Brian Werries, 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 approve hiring Ryan Link as paid assistant JH Girls Basketball and Eugene Link as a volunteer assistant. Member Brian Werries seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Madeline Buhlig, yea; Jeff Browning, yea; Scott Gregory, yea; Alan Taylor, yea; Jason Morton, yea and Brian Werries, yea. Motion carried 6 yeas; 0 nays.

Member Brian Werries made a motion to approve hiring Gracie Duesterhaus as an assistant volleyball coach. Member Jeff Browning seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Jeff Browning, yea; Scott Gregory, yea; Alan Taylor, yea; Jason Morton, yea; Brian Werries, yea and Madeline Buhlig, yea. Motion carried 6 yeas; 0 nays.

Member Jeff Browning made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Alan Taylor seconded the motion. By unanimous vote meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

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President, Jason Morton

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Secretary, Madeline Buhlig