

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

The board of education of the Meredosia-Chambersburg School District met in regular session March 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, Kevin Dueterhaus, Brian Werries, Madeline Buhlig, Jeff Browning, Scott Gregory and Alan Taylor. Also present were Superintendent Thad Walker, Jr./Sr. High Principal Jeff Abell via Zoom, Carolyn Browning, district bookkeeper, Christine Brant and Shirley Bilyeu.

Member Brian Werries made a motion to approve the consent agendas. Member Madeline Buhlig seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Jason Morton, yea; Kevin Dueterhaus, 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:**

- We have all the bids in for the ceiling tile project. Asbestos removal elementary \$77,000, gym heaters and pipes \$8500. Ceiling tile and track replacement \$37,785. New pipe insulation \$5700. New LED lights \$6000 for a total of \$134,985. We will need to approve RD Lawrence and DEM Service under agenda items.
- We also ordered an ice machine for the kitchen. It's working great.
- I would like to order a new scoreboard to replace the old one --cost is \$6070.50
- We have received our new ESSER money amount \$244,703. We will be working on how to best spend this money in the next couple of weeks. My thoughts are building improvements, finishing up our technology, HVAC for the kitchen and cafeteria, new curriculum, science equipment, a few components for the weightroom, tinting on the classroom windows in the front of the building to name a few.
- A few other projects that we have been looking at is building a sound wall in the bandroom on the wall between band and Ms. Courier's classroom to help make her room quieter, bus garage metal replacement and a fresh coat of paint.
- Ms. Kackley has put in her letter of intent to retire at the end of this school year.

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

- Our library/media center committee has put together our initial 1000 book order as we continue to move forward on completing the Media Center. The books are coming from Bound to Stay Bound. We anticipate ordering another 500 books in mid to late fall.
- We have ordered a media table, 2 study carrels and some library shelving.
- The IL-EMPOWER team will start work on next year's school improvement plan in mid-march.
- The IHSA released their return to play schedule on January 27<sup>th</sup>.
- The staff members that received their first COVID vaccination in February received their second COVID vaccination at Jacksonville High School on March 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Our midterm for the third quarter was February 4<sup>th</sup>, grades were sent home on 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.
- We are up to 249 followers on Instagram.
- May 1<sup>st</sup> will be Prom held at Macleans outdoor building.

Member Kevin Duesterhaus made the motion to go into Closed Session at 7:16 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. Unanimous vote 7-0. Member Kevin Duesterhaus made the motion to return from closed session and Member Jeff Browning seconded the motion. Board returned from closed session at 7:50 p.m.

Action item 6.1 –no action taken

Member Madeline Buhlig made a motion to accept letter of intent to retire at end of school year Tina Kackley, 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher. Member Brian Werries 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.

Member Alan Taylor made a motion to approve bid for R.D. Lawrence for ceiling tile replacement. Member Brian Werries seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Kevin Duesterhaus, 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 Duesterhaus made a motion to accept bid for DEM Services, Inc for the asbestos abatement. Member Jeff Browning seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Brian Werries, yea; Madeline Buhlig, yea; Jeff Browning, yea; Scott Gregory, yea; Alan Taylor, yea; Jason Morton, yea and Kevin Duesterhaus, yea. Motion carried 7 yeas; 0 nays.

Member Brian Werries made a motion to approve purchase of a Nevco main scoreboard. Member Alan Taylor seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Madeline Buhlig, yea; Jeff Browning, yea; Scott Gregory, yea; Alan Taylor, yea; Jason Morton, yea; Kevin Duesterhaus, yea; and Brian Werries, yea. Motion carried 7 yeas; 0 nays.

Member Kevin Duesterhaus made a motion to accept letter or resignation at the end of the school year from Alexandria Wilson-Kindergarten teacher. Member Madeline Buhlig seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Jeff Browning, yea; Scott Gregory, yea; Alan Taylor, yea; Jason Morton, yea; Kevin Duesterhaus, yea; Brian Werries, yea and Madeline Buhlig, yea. Motion carried 7 yeas; 0 nays.

Member Kevin Duesterhaus made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Madeline Buhlig seconded the motion. By unanimous vote meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

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President, Jason Morton

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Secretary, Madeline Buhlig