

**Minutes**  
**Regular Board of Education Meeting**  
**May 12, 2021**  
**7 p.m.**

The board of education of the Meredosia-Chambersburg School District met in regular session May 12, 2021 in the cafeteria of the Meredosia-Chambersburg School. President Brian Werries called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll call was taken with the following members present: Brian Werries, Alan Taylor, Jason Morton, Kevin Duesterhaus, Madeline Buhlig, Jeff Browning and Scott Gregory. Also present were Superintendent Thad Walker, Jr./Sr. High Principal Jeff Abell, Carolyn Browning, district bookkeeper, Tracy Lawson, Christine Brant and Shirley Bilyeu.

Member Kevin Duesterhaus made a motion to approve the consent agendas after questions were answered. Member Jason Morton seconded the motion. By unanimous vote motion carried 7 yeas – 0 nays.

Tracy Lawson was present and passed out information to the board regarding the World Classrooms Trip to Washington, D.C. June 1-4, 2021. She also asked the board if they would provide transportation on June 1 and June 4<sup>th</sup> - taking them down to the airport and then picking them up on return. This trip was postponed last year because of Covid.

**Reports:**

**Superintendent/Grade School Principal's Report:**

- I have decided to put off the roof until next year due to the lumber and metal cost. Hopefully they will go down.
- The High school had to go remote due to the high volume of kids that was going to be contract traced and would be quarantined. They will return on May 17<sup>th</sup>.
- I have asked for some prices for some swings to be placed on the playground and there will be 4 banks of 2 swings per bank. The cost should be under \$5000.
- Jerry is asking for bids for some metal replacement for the bus garage and we do have new gutters being installed on the bus garage and the concession stand. I am also looking into making the baseball/softball field regulation with the outfield fence being a constant 220' with some new bleachers. If we do this we can host regional and sectionals. I have also checked into new lighting with Green Edison and there are grants available for softball lighting.
- We are looking at getting a dumpster to clean out concession stand.
- We average about \$10,500 per month in 1% sales tax money. This is money that we do need to spend. I will have an exact amount that we have during the board meeting. This money can be spent on the field.
- I got some great news for CPPRT. This is supposed to be the best year for awhile. I heard a 55% increase in our May payment. Update – we received \$336,662.85 for a May payment.
- Illinois is supposed to be going to the Bridge Phase on May 14. I have passed out the Bridge Phase regulations to the board.
- High School graduation will be outside once again this year. The fire department has been contacted regarding a parade of seniors once again.
- Contract negotiations for the teachers went great.

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

- The media center/library is almost complete! Waiting on 2 shelving units.
- The Morgan County Health Department ordered our high school students to begin remote learning on April 29<sup>th</sup> for a 2 week duration. They will return to in-person learning on May 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Prom which was scheduled for May 1<sup>st</sup> was cancelled due to the Health Department moving our high school students to remote learning.
- On May 5<sup>th</sup> the 6<sup>th</sup> grade band joined with the Jr. High band to play in the parking lot at 3 p.m.

### JH/HS Principal's Report continued:

- On May 18<sup>th</sup> the Jr-Sr High Band will be in the parking lot at 3 p.m.
- NHS induction will be held on May 19<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.
- On May 26<sup>th</sup> the 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will travel to Martin Lanes in Roodhouse to enjoy a day of bowling, putt-putt golf and food to celebrate moving on to high school.
- High school graduation will be held on May 28<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. out front of the school
- The IL-EMPOWER team continues to work on next year's school improvement plan.
- We sent home a survey last week on Summer Camp. Plan on having it 3 weeks in June and 3 weeks in July. From 8:30-1:30 p.m. We have 60 kids signed up that are interested. ESSER II money is available to spend on this.

Member Jason Morton made the motion to go into Closed Session at 7:29 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. Unanimous vote 7-0. Member Alan Taylor made the motion to return from closed session and Member Jeff Browning seconded the motion. Board returned from closed session at 8:35 p.m.

Member Jason Morton made a motion to approve World Classroom trip to Washington, D.C. Member Scott Gregory seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Brian Werries, yea; Alan Taylor, yea; Jason Morton, yea; Kevin Dueterhaus, yea; Madeline Buhlig, yea; Jeff Browning, yea; and Scott Gregory, yea. Motion carried 7 yeas; 0 nays.

Member Jason Morton made a motion to approve new 3 year Teacher's Master Contract. Member Jeff Browning seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Brian Werries, yea; Alan Taylor, yea; Jason Morton, yea; Kevin Dueterhaus, yea; Madeline Buhlig, yea; Jeff Browning, yea; and Scott Gregory, yea. Motion carried 7 yeas; 0 nays.

Member Kevin Dueterhaus made a motion to approve Triopia, Meredosia & Virginia Sports Co-Op. Member Alan Taylor seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Alan Taylor, yea; Jason Morton, yea; Kevin Dueterhaus, yea; Madeline Buhlig, yea; Jeff Browning, yea; Scott Gregory, yea and Brian Werries, yea. Motion carried 7 yeas; 0 nays.

Member Jason Morton made a motion to approve Ashley Sanders as 2021-2022 JH Girls Softball Head Coach. Member Scott Gregory seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Jason Morton, yea; Kevin Dueterhaus, yea; Madeline Buhlig, yea; Jeff Browning, yea; Scott Gregory, yea; Brian Werries, yea and Alan Taylor, yea. Motion carried 7 yeas; 0 nays.

Member Alan Taylor made a motion to approve Ashley Sanders as 2021-2022 JH Girls Basketball Head Coach. Member Madeline Buhlig seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Kevin Dueterhaus, yea; Madeline Buhlig, yea; Jeff Browning, yea; Scott Gregory, yea; Brian Werries, yea; Alan Taylor, yea and Jason Morton, yea. Motion carried 7 yeas; 0 nays.

Member Madeline Buhlig made a motion to approve IESA and IHSA Membership fee approvals. Member Scott Gregory seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Madeline Buhlig, yea; Jeff Browning, yea; Scott Gregory, yea; Brian Werries, yea; Alan Taylor, yea; Jason Morton, yea and Kevin Dueterhaus, yea. Motion carried 7 yeas; 0 nays.

Member Jeff Browning made a motion to approve tenure for Amy Davis, 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher. Member Alan Taylor seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Jeff Browning, yea; Scott Gregory, yea; Brian Werries, yea; Alan Taylor, yea; Jason Morton, yea; Kevin Dueterhaus, yea and Madeline Buhlig, yea. Motion carried 7 yeas; 0 nays.

Member Jason Morton made a motion to approve tenure for Kirk Graham, Math/Guidance Counselor. Member Madeline Buhlig seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Scott Gregory, yea; Brian Werries, yea; Alan Taylor, yea; Jason Morton, yea; Kevin Dueterhaus, yea; Madeline Buhlig, yea and Jeff Browning, yea. Motion carried 7 yeas; 0 nays.

Member Madeline Buhlig made a motion to approve tenure for Rhea Drake, Special Ed. Teacher. Member Alan Taylor seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Brian Werries, yea; Alan Taylor, yea; Jason Morton, yea; Kevin Duesterhaus, yea; Madeline Buhlig, yea; Jeff Browning, yea and Scott Gregory, yea. Motion carried 7 yeas; 0 nays.

Member Jason Morton made a motion to accept Victoria Miller's letter of resignation as Head Volleyball coach. Member Scott Gregory seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Alan Taylor, yea; Jason Morton, yea; Kevin Duesterhaus, yea; Madeline Buhlig, yea; Jeff Browning, yea; Scott Gregory, yea and Brian Werries, yea. Motion carried 7 yeas; 0 nays.

Member Jeff Browning made a motion to approve air conditioning for kitchen and cafeteria units \$62, 319. Member Kevin Duesterhaus seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Jason Morton, yea; Kevin Duesterhaus, yea; Madeline Buhlig, yea; Jeff Browning, yea; Scott Gregory, yea; Brian Werries, yea and Alan Taylor, yea. Motion carried 7 yeas; 0 nays.

Member Jason Morton made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Alan Taylor seconded the motion. By unanimous vote meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

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President, Brian Werries

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Secretary, Jason Morton