

Minutes
Regular Board of Education Meeting
June 09, 2021
7 p.m.

The board of education of the Meredosia-Chambersburg School District met in regular session June 9, 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, and Jeff Browning. Member Scott Gregory was absent. Also present were Superintendent Thad Walker, Jr./Sr. High Principal Jeff Abell, Carolyn Browning, district bookkeeper, Christine Brant and Shirley Bilyeu.

Member Jason Morton made a motion to approve the consent agendas after questions were answered. Member Kevin Duesterhaus seconded the motion. By unanimous vote motion carried 6 yeas – 0 nays.

There was no public comment.

Reports:

Superintendent/Grade School Principal's Report:

- We have recommendations for a Math Teacher and a part time speech pathologist. I think they both will do a good job.
- The asbestos abatement will start on June 14th and should take about a week to a week and a half to remove and the same amount of time to replace.
- I would like to set a special board meeting to amend the 2020-2021 Budget for June 29th, 2021 at 7 p.m.
- We still need to fill the special education opening.
- We will have all of our Elementary teachers trained in Orton Gillingham by the end of the summer. This will be a great thing for our students to do OG every day to help with their phonemic skills. We will be the only school in the area to have everyone trained.
- I got a price quote on the softball fence. It will be approximately \$16,000. Trying to get some quotes for new lights. We will not need to move any poles. Left field line is 273 and we are coming in at 220.
- The custodians have done a great job all year keeping up with all the different cleaning procedures that have been thrown at them. I am very proud of them.
- I also want to thank everyone this year for making everything work. It was a tough year and we came out of it really well. Our staff stepped up and did a fantastic job.
- High School graduation went very well.

JH/HS Principal's Report:

- We had a great turnout for our National Honor Society induction that was held May 19th and hopefully with air conditioning in the cafeteria next year it will help also.
- On May 26th the 8th grade students traveled to Martin Lanes in Roodhouse and enjoyed a day of bowling, putt-putt golf, video games and food to celebrate moving on to high school.
- High school graduation was May 28th and went very well. The coolest temperatures in a long time. Our marching band joined the graduation parade at the end.
- We just will be finishing the first week of summer camp and it's going great.
- The IL-EMPOWER team continues to work on next year's School Improvement Plan.
- Our custodians have started work on summer projects and doing a great job.
- We are up to 249 followers on Instagram.

Member Alan Taylor made the motion to go into Closed Session at 7:19 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 Kevin Duesterhaus made the motion to return from closed session and Member Jeff Browning seconded the motion. Board returned from closed session at 7:40 p.m.

President Brian Werries read a letter of resignation from Ashley Beck – Pre K teacher effective at end of the current school year.

Member Jason Morton made a motion to hire Phillip Lashmett as JH/HS Math teacher. Member Kevin Duesterhaus seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Brian Werries, yea; Alan Taylor, yea; Jason Morton, yea; Kevin Duesterhaus, yea; Madeline Buhlig, yea; and Jeff Browning, yea. Motion carried 6 yeas; 0 nays.

Member Alan Taylor made a motion to hire Miranda Gorsuch as part time speech teacher. Member Madeline Buhlig seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Alan Taylor, yea; Jason Morton, yea; Kevin Duesterhaus, yea; Madeline Buhlig, yea; Jeff Browning, yea; and Brian Werries, yea. Motion carried 6 yeas; 0 nays.

Member Kevin Duesterhaus made a motion to accept letter of resignation from Ashley Beck – Pre K Teacher. Member Madeline Buhlig seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Jason Morton, yea; Kevin Duesterhaus, yea; Madeline Buhlig, yea; Jeff Browning, yea; Brian Werries, yea and Alan Taylor, yea. Motion carried 6 yeas; 0 nays.

Member Jason Morton made a motion to approve Thad Walker as Title IX Coordinator. Member Alan Taylor seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Kevin Duesterhaus, yea; Madeline Buhlig, yea; Jeff Browning, yea; Brian Werries, yea; Alan Taylor, yea and Jason Morton, yea. Motion carried 6 yeas; 0 nays.

Member Jason Morton made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Jeff Browning seconded the motion. By unanimous vote meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

President, Brian Werries

Secretary, Jason Morton