

Minutes
Regular Board of Education Meeting
August 11, 2021
7 p.m.

The board of education of the Meredosia-Chambersburg School District met in regular session August 11, 2021 in the board room of the Meredosia-Chambersburg School. Secretary Jason Morton called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll call was taken with the following members present: Jason Morton, Kevin Duesterhaus, Madeline Buhlig and Jeff Browning. Members Brian Werries, Alan Taylor and Scott Gregory were absent. Also present were Superintendent Thad Walker, Jr./Sr. High Principal Jeff Abell, Carolyn Browning, district bookkeeper, Christine Brant and Shirley Bilyeu.

Member Kevin Duesterhaus made a motion to approve the consent agendas after questions were answered. Member Jeff Browning seconded the motion. By unanimous vote motion carried 4 yeas – 0 nays.

There was no public comment.

Reports:

Superintendent/Grade School Principal's Report:

- The governor made a mask mandate for schools. I am sure there will be more changes before we even get started. I will keep you informed of any changes.
- All of the construction is complete. The elementary wing looks fantastic. It looks very different with new lighting and ceiling tiles. Air conditioning in the cafeteria is complete.
- Registration on August 9th went well.
- We will be getting the parking lot restriped as soon as the paint comes in.
- Swings will be here on August 12th.
- We will be meeting with our IL-Empower Team at some point next week.
- I have reached out to First Student about busing for our Hope student. We have had no interest in bus drivers this summer.
- Softball fence is done. Jacob is coming back next week to do some maintenance of the playground fence at no charge.
- We are going to keep the old baseball fence to use for recess to keep the students in a general area. We will be placing the swings in that general area as well.
- Senergy will be putting new speakers in the grade school in the new ceiling tiles.
- ESSER III Grant \$109,856 – have to spend on learning loss. We could do a summer school for 2 more years or hire a part time person.

JH/HS Principal's Report:

- Mr. Walker and I have been reworking on our back-to-school plan per the new mask guidance released on August 4th.
- We had seven girls attend the volleyball information meeting in Griggsville. Griggsville was very welcoming. We will still hold the Conference tournament at Meredosia.
- New ceiling tiles and lights are a huge improvement and look fantastic.
- The new outfield fence looks great. Getting prices for screens for the outfield.
- Summer Camp (school) went very well. The students enjoyed the trips as well as getting to ride on a chartered bus. Carol Howard sent out surveys and received a decent amount of responses back.
- All of our high school students have completed their summer credit recovery course work.
- Our IL-Empower Team will meet on August 12th.
- Custodians have been doing a great job with our summer maintenance and cleaning.
- Our Instagram followers are up to 276.
- Our bond company had a golf outing which I attended.

Member Kevin Duesterhaus made the motion to go into Closed Session at 7:24 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 4-0. Member Kevin Duesterhaus made the motion to return from closed session and Member Jeff Browning seconded the motion. Board returned from closed session at 8:05 p.m.

Member Jeff Browning made a motion to set budget hearing for September 8, 2021 at 6:50 p.m. Member Madeline Buhlig seconded the motion. By unanimous vote motion carried 4 yeas – 0 nays.

Member Madeline Buhlig made a motion to approve 2nd reading of IASB Press Plus 107. Member Kevin Duesterhaus seconded the motion. By unanimous vote motion carried 4 yeas – 0 nays.

Member Kevin Duesterhaus made a motion to approve reopening plan with ability to make changes as needed due to COVID guidance changes. Member Madeline Buhlig seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Jason Morton, yea; Kevin Duesterhaus, yea; Madeline Buhlig, yea; and Jeff Browning, yea. Motion carried 4 yeas; 0 nays.

Member Madeline Buhlig made a motion to approve hiring Miranda Barney as 6th grade paraprofessional aide. Member Kevin Duesterhaus seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Kevin Duesterhaus, yea; Madeline Buhlig, yea; Jeff Browning, yea and Jason Morton, yea. Motion carried 4 yeas; 0 nays.

Member Kevin Duesterhaus made a motion to approve hiring Abbie Murphy as paraprofessional aide. Member Jeff Browning seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Madeline Buhlig, yea; Jeff Browning, yea; Jason Morton, yea and Kevin Duesterhaus, yea. Motion carried 4 yeas; 0 nays.

Member Kevin Duesterhaus made a motion to approve hiring Robin Varner as JH Student Council Sponsor. Member Madeline Buhlig seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Jeff Browning, yea; Jason Morton, yea; Kevin Duesterhaus, yea and Madeline Buhlig, yea. Motion carried 4 yeas; 0 nays.

Member Jeff Browning made a motion to approve hiring Phillip Lashmett as WYSE sponsor. Member Kevin Duesterhaus seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Jason Morton, yea; Kevin Duesterhaus, yea; Madeline Buhlig, yea and Jeff Browning, yea. Motion carried 4 yeas; 0 nays.

Member Kevin Duesterhaus made a motion to accept the resignation of Travis Sievers as HS Track and WYSE sponsor. Member Jeff Browning seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Kevin Duesterhaus, yea; Madeline Buhlig, yea; Jeff Browning, yea and Jason Morton, yea. Motion carried 4 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 8:12 p.m.

President, Brian Werries

Secretary, Jason Morton