

**Minutes**  
**Regular Board of Education Meeting**  
**September 8 , 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. Vice President Alan Taylor called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll call was taken with the following members present: Alan Taylor, Jason Morton, Madeline Buhlig, Scott Gregory and Kevin Duesterhaus. Members Brian Werries and Jeff Browning 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 Jason Morton seconded the motion. By unanimous vote motion carried 5 yeas – 0 nays.

There was no public comment.

**Reports:**

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

- I spoke with you last month about a Learning Loss coordinator. We have Ellie Abell working with the Jr/Sr. High students. She will work this semester then student teach in the spring. She is getting her degree in Math to become an upper level math teacher.
- I would like to build a new storage building on the bus garage parking lot. Move all the supplies from the storeroom now and make that an ag shop with welding and a classroom.
- We are looking into a performance contractor to help with our next phase of Asbestos abatement. Mr. Abell presented more information on that.
- We are going to start doing the Covid testing for staff here at the school next week for anyone who is not vaccinated. This is not my rule, it is the mandate from the governor. I have tests coming.
- I am looking into replacing our mower next year. I spoke with a Beard Implement salesman and he said they are about 9 months out on getting any equipment. They are coming to check our mower out for trade in value. I will have an agenda item in the October meeting.
- We have on the agenda to approve Tracy Lawson as head high school track coach and Robin Varner as assistant coach. Class Senior sponsors: Kirk Graham and Jenny Chute and Junior Class sponsors: Rhea Drake and Tracy Lawson.
- We had a 5<sup>th</sup> grader test positive and we had the 5<sup>th</sup> grade class stay home on Tuesday, September 7<sup>th</sup> until we got some guidance. They were allowed to return on Wednesday, September 8<sup>th</sup> as long as they weren't showing any symptoms.
- We have a student moving in from Brown County that will need to be transported to Four Rivers and we will need to hire an aide for him. Also we are needing an aide for the Kindergarten room as we have 2 students who need help so the teacher can have time to teach.
- Kiwanis Club of Jacksonville gave the school a donation of \$350 to use on education as a celebration of their 100 year anniversary.

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

- Mr. Abell explained he stepped away from the decision on who to choose for the Learning Loss position.
- Mr. Walker and I have been working on long-range planning for our facilities and curriculum.
- We had three great days of staff institute:  
August 17<sup>th</sup>- new staff institute; August 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> – all staff institute.  
We were able to work in both large and small groups to prepare for the start of the school year.
- Our first week of school went really well for both students and staff.
- The 1<sup>st</sup> quarter mid-term is September 17<sup>th</sup>
- Parent/teacher conferences will be held on September 23<sup>rd</sup>. The end of the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter will be October 15<sup>th</sup> and report cards will go home on October 20<sup>th</sup>. Instagram followers are up to 276.

Member Jason Morton made the motion to go into Closed Session at 7:36 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 Kevin Duesterhaus seconded the motion. Unanimous vote 5-0. Member Jason Morton made the motion to return from closed session and Member Madeline Buhlig seconded the motion. Board returned from closed session at 8:06 p.m. Member Scott Gregory left at 8 p.m.

Member Madeline Buhlig made a motion to approve 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 hiring Ellie Abell as Learning Loss Coordinator. Member Jason Morton seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Alan Taylor, yea; Jason Morton, yea; Madeline Buhlig, yea and Kevin Duesterhaus, yea. Motion carried 4 yeas – 0 nays.

Member Jason Morton made a motion to approve Kirk Graham as Senior Class sponsor for 2021-2022. Member Madeline Buhlig seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Jason Morton, yea; Madeline Buhlig, yea; Kevin Duesterhaus, yea and Alan Taylor, yea. Motion carried 4 yeas – 0 nays.

Member Jason Morton made a motion to approve Jenny Chute as Senior Class sponsor for 2021-2022. Member Alan Taylor seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Madeline Buhlig, yea; Kevin Duesterhaus, yea, Alan Taylor, yea and Jason Morton, yea. Motion carried 4 yeas – 0 nays.

Member Kevin Duesterhaus made a motion to approve Rhea Drake as Junior Class sponsor for 2021-2022. Member Madeline Buhlig seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Kevin Duesterhaus, yea, Alan Taylor, yea; Jason Morton, yea and Madeline Buhlig, yea. Motion carried 4 yeas – 0 nays.

Member Jason Morton made a motion to approve Tracy Lawson as Junior Class sponsor for 2021-2022. Member Kevin Duesterhaus seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Alan Taylor, yea; Jason Morton, yea; Madeline Buhlig, yea and Kevin Duesterhaus, yea. Motion carried 4 yeas – 0 nays.

Member Jason Morton made a motion to approve Tracy Lawson as Head HS Track Coach for 2021-2022. Member Kevin Duesterhaus seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Jason Morton, yea; Madeline Buhlig, yea; Kevin Duesterhaus, yea and Alan Taylor, yea. Motion carried 4 yeas – 0 nays.

Member Jason Morton made a motion to approve Robin Varner as Assistant Track Coach for 2021-2022. Member Madeline Buhlig seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Madeline Buhlig, yea; Kevin Duesterhaus, yea; Alan Taylor, yea and Jason Morton, yea. Motion carried 4 yeas – 0 nays.

Member Jason Morton made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Madeline Buhlig seconded the motion. By unanimous vote meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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President, Brian Werries

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Secretary, Jason Morton