

Minutes
Regular Board of Education Meeting
January 12, 2022
7 p.m.

The board of education of the Meredosia-Chambersburg School District met in regular session January 12, 2022 in the board room 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, Madeline Buhlig, Jeff Browning, Scott Gregory and Kevin Duesterhaus. Also present were Superintendent Thad Walker, Jr./Sr. High Principal Jeff Abell, District bookkeeper Carolyn Browning; Christine Brant, Shirley Bilyeu.

Member Jason Morton made a motion to approve the consent agenda after a noted correction in the minutes. Member Alan Taylor seconded the motion. By unanimous vote motion carried 7 yeas – 0 nays.

Reports:

Superintendent/Grade School Principal's Report:

- The steam leak we had in the lower level has been repaired. We had to do an emergency abatement for the floor tile. Second Generation has repaired the pipe and we are hoping it will hold. There was not much pipe to weld.
- The SIP day on January 3rd went very well. Dr. Curt Simonson spoke to the staff on Health and Wellness in the morning. In the afternoon we had a DLT Team meeting and discussed our plan if we need to go remote due to COVID 19 issues.
- We have at this time roughly 10 students out due to Covid related issues either a positive test or close contact in the home.
- On the agenda we have to approve the co-op with Griggsville-Perry for High School track.
- I am working on bids for the abatement this summer for the kitchen, cafeteria and office area. Also working on a plan for the air conditioning for the elementary and gym. This will be covered under ESSER III grant. The lighting assessment has already been completed through Green Edison so we should get another great rate for the lights.
- Chris Oettle school janitor has put his letter in for retirement at the end of the school year. I will post his job after we accept his retirement letter. I would like to get someone hired by Ma so they can work a month before he is done. He is taking his vacation days during the month of June.
- The elementary is looking into a new reading, grammar, and spelling curriculum that goes along with our Orton-Gillingham program. We also have asked for some samples for social studies and science.
- We have sent the entire 6th grade home but three students. They were able to return on January 11th. Three of the students were not around the infected child so they were able to stay in school.

JH/HS Principal's Report:

- Due to multiple student absences during the second quarter we gave students the opportunity to get caught up with their work instead of having semester exams December 16-21, 2021.
- Winter break started December 23, 2021 and went through January 3, 2022.
- We had a Teacher's Institute day on Monday, January 3, 2022
- Students returned to school on Tuesday, January 4th, 2022
- There is no school on Monday, January 17th in observance of Martin Luther King Day
- 3rd Quarter midterm is February 4, 2022 and report cards will be sent home on Friday, February 11th.
- There is no school on March 7th in observance of Casimir Pulaski Day
- End of 3rd Quarter is Friday, March 11, 2022 and report cards will be sent home on March 17th.
- Our Instagram followers are up to 287

Member Jason Morton made the motion to go into Closed Session at 7:20 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 7-0. Member Alan Taylor made the motion to return from closed session and Member Kevin Duesterhaus seconded the motion. Board returned from closed session at 7:48 p.m.

Member Jeff Browning made a motion to approve high school track co-op with Griggsville-Perry High School. Member Scott Gregory seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Brian Werries, yea; Alan Taylor, yea; Jason Morton, yea; Madeline Buhlig, yea; Jeff Browning yea; Scott Gregory, yea and Kevin Duesterhaus, yea. Motion carried 7 yeas and 0 nays.

Member Jeff Browning made a motion to accept Chris Oettle janitor intent to retire at end of school year. Member Alan Taylor seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Alan Taylor, yea; Jason Morton, yea; Madeline Buhlig, yea; Jeff Browning yea; Scott Gregory, yea; Kevin Duesterhaus, yea and Brian Werries, yea. Motion carried 7 yeas and 0 nays.

Member Jason Morton made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Scott Gregory seconded the motion. By unanimous vote meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

President, Brian Werries

Secretary, Jason Morton