

Minutes
Regular Board of Education Meeting
December 14, 2022
7:00 p.m.

The board of education of the Meredosia-Chambersburg School District met in regular session on December 14, 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, Madeline Buhlig, Erica DeWitt, Jeff Browning, Jason Morton and Seth Schmitz. Also present were Principal Kirk Graham, Superintendent Thad Walker, District bookkeeper Shari Kleinlein, Christine Brant and Shirley Bilyeu.

Member Jason Morton made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Member Jeff Browning seconded the motion. By unanimous vote motion carried 7 yeas – 0 nays.

Reports:

Superintendent/Grade School Superintendent's Report given by Mr. Walker:

The Ameren Weatherization guys were here last weekend. I let them in on Sunday and finished their project except for some rubber molding around the garage door. They will be back sometime this spring when they are back in the area. They are from Wisconsin.

Thank you for agreeing to take the 3 days off last week. I think it was the best thing to do to get everyone healthy. We had only 15 absences on Monday and no staff was gone.

We will be implementing Rocket Math for a math intervention when we return to school after winter break. This will be used as an intervention for math 3 days a week for the elementary.

I would like to move Carol Howard to a halftime Special Ed. Coordinator and halftime intervention specialist next year. As we work with our IL-Empower Learning Partner we are going to need someone to oversee all of our interventions and data. I would keep her same salary, just add the Dean of Students stipend onto her salary. She could also fill in when Mr. Graham and I are gone.

We had aid interviews today with Mr. Graham, Mr. Sievers and myself. We decided on Destini Kennedy for 1st grade and April Harrison for the Pre-K student going to Griggsville. Mrs. Session excused herself because her daughter was part of the interview pool.

Our November student of the month was Cloe Phillips, Ira Farmer, and Nevaeh Cook.

We have a speaker coming in on January 17th, his name is Ron L. James. He is a published author. His book is CHOICES, I have a couple of copies of the book if you would like to read it. He spent 25 years in prison. The assembly will start at 9:00 for Pre-K – 2nd grade, 9:45 for 3rd – 5th and 10:00 for 6th – 12th.

Gracie Deusterhaus will be filling in for Ms. Foubester when she goes on maternity leave. She has been coming in and getting the procedures down.

We had 8 applicants for the aid positions.

Mr. Shupe and I have been discussing Esports. The cost would be around \$15,000.00 for the computers and headsets and high speed mouse. They do have a season for this activity but you can play year round with schools in your group. I do know that Bluffs and Winchester are in the process of getting their programs up and going. With these upper level computers that would also create a computer programming class that Mr. Shupe could also teach. So it would be a double win for our students. I can put it on the agenda for next month if you agree so we can get set up with IHSA.

We have changed directions on the gym air conditioning, we need to put a new roof on the gym. We had it resealed 3 years ago, I believe when they do the air conditioning the units will go on the roof. I would like to put the roof on first so they are not working around the units. Looking at the summer 2024.

We are having our Christmas dinner next Tuesday, Rob and I are grilling hamburgers and brats, Debbie is making baked beans and cheesy potatoes, and chips.

JH/HS Principal's Report given by Mr. Graham:

Veteran's Day activities and program were a success. We had school wide involvement and the event was streamed live on our you-tube channel.

HS student council thanksgiving dinner was a huge success, serving more than 200 people and bring in over \$1200 in donations for the Elementary Christmas Activities.

Shout-out to Ms. Walker and the FFA for their AG day. There were a variety of activities throughout the day that everyone enjoyed. Students did a great job.

The winter music program was rescheduled to tonight due to the student illnesses last week.

End of the semester schedule: Friday the 16th -Semester exams hours 1-4; Monday December 19th semester reviews hours 5-9; Tuesday December 20th semester exams hours 5-9 and Wednesday December 21st will be exam make-up day, the Elementary Christmas activities. This is the last day before break.

Friday, December 16th – Wednesday, December 21st all days with 2:15 dismissals.

We will host a Varsity boy's basketball game on January 5, 2023- planning on trying to have a dinner fundraiser on this evening for Prom this year.

The DLT team met on 12/13/22 Continuing to work on the School Improvement Plan and curriculum reviews.

End of the 1st semester: Overall 1st semester went very well. 2nd semester areas of improvement: Student absences, motivating student academic success, Local and State testing.

Member Jason Morton made the motion to go into Closed Session at 7:21 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. Member Jason Morton made the motion to return from closed session and Member Seth Schmitz seconded the motion. Board returned from closed session at 7:27 p.m.

Member Jason Morton excused himself to attend the JH/HS portion of the Christmas Program.

Member Alan Taylor made a motion to approve the PressPlus Issue 110 Member Erica DeWitt seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Alan Taylor, yea; Madeline Buhlig, yea; Erica Dewitt, yea; Jeff Browning , yea; Brian Werries, yea; Seth Schmitz, yea; Motion carried 6 yeas and 0 nays.

Member Erica DeWitt made a motion to approve to hire Destini Kennedy as the 1st grade aide. Member Jeff Browning seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Madeline Buhlig, yea; Erica DeWitt, yea; Alan Taylor, yea; Jeff Browning, yea; Brian Werries, yea; Seth Schmitz, yea; Motion carried 6 yeas and 0 nays.

Member Alan Taylor made a motion to approve to hire April Harrison as the aid for the student that goes to Griggsville-Perry. Member Erica DeWitt seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Madeline Buhlig, yea; Erica DeWitt, yea; Alan Taylor, yea; Jeff Browning, yea; Brian Werries, yea; Seth Schmitz, yea; Motion carried 6 yeas and 0 nays.

Member Jeff Browning made a motion to Adjourn the meeting. Member Seth Schmitz seconded the motion. By unanimous vote meeting was adjourned at 7:46pm.

Next meeting to be held January 11th 2023 at 7pm.

President, Brian Werries

Secretary, Jason Morton