

Minutes
Regular Board of Education Meeting
March 13, 2024
7:00 p.m.

The board of education of the Meredosia-Chambersburg School District met in regular session on March 13, 2024 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: Jeff Browning, Jason Morton, Seth Schmitz, Zach Floyd, Brian Werries and Erica DeWitt. Also present were Principal Kirk Graham, District bookkeeper Shari Kleinlein, Christina Brant and Shirley Bilyeu.

Member Jason Morton made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Member Erica DeWitt seconded the motion. By unanimous vote motion carried 6 yeas – 0 nays.

Reports:

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

Mr. Walker was absent so there was no report given by him. District Bookkeeper Shari Kleinlein did make the board aware that an insurance claim was filed when we had the boiler break, and that the claim was denied due to the broken pipe being underground.

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

- School activities: Elementary/JH Parent night was a success. Approximately 22 elementary students and parents. A little disappointing for JH only 8 students and parents. Information available for parents included: Morgan County Health Dept. Abbie Murphy as the community liaison; Ms. Howard/Ms. Bullard-Girls on the Run (which began Wed. March 6); JWCC – academic talent search.
- Book Fair last week was very successful. Ms. Kilver reported the book fair took in over \$2300.00. I will commend Ms. Kilver, her work with the book fair, as it was very successful.
- Nation Honor Society Induction was March 6. Inducted four new members: Sophomores: Rilee Bennett; Karley Gerecke; Bella Hull and Junior: Marshall VanHynning
- Friday, March 8 was the end of the 3rd Quarter.
- Girls on the Run – started last week
 - o Ms. Howard, Ms. Bullard, Ms. Murphy, and Ms. Sanders are again sponsoring this activity.
 - o 12 girls have signed up and are involved.
- I will share the March/April News Notes with activities.
- District Leadership Team: Continuing to work on School Improvement Plan and Curriculum reviews.
 - o Growing concern about absenteeism percentage rates with the amount of illness we have encountered since the beginning of the semester of mid-January.
 - o Five Essentials Survey for students, staff, and parents is open: Students in Pre-K – 8th grades have a 98% completion rate. HS Students have a 100% completion rate and JH Staff has an 80% completion rate (4 out of 5 staff members)
- However: Please note: In order to receive a report, a school must both meet the reporting threshold and have a minimum of 8 teachers and 10 students who submit survey responses.
- The bad thing is that we really do not have 8 JH only staff members. So we probably will not receive credit for JH Staff.
- HS Staff - I have not received an update on completion rate. HS is exempt from school classification due to sample size of school.
- Elementary Staff – I do not received reports on Elementary (as I am listed as JH/HS Principal)
- JH Parents – 6% rate (3 out of 53 completed)
 - o Please note: In order to receive a Parent report, a school must both meet the reporting threshold of 20% and have a minimum of 8 parents who submit survey responses.

- o We will be sending out notifications and information encouraging parents at all school levels to complete the survey if they have not already done so.
- IAR Testing: will begin the week of March 18-22 with Math testing before Spring break.
 - o Teachers have been trained on Lumos software (IAR practice tests) Some teachers have been using to help prepare our students for testing.
 - o We will begin to promote the testing with students and motivating them to try their very best and the importance of testing. Friday 3/15 we are having an IAR conference for the JH
- ISA (Illinois Science Assessment) testing. Grades: 5th, 8th and 11th completing this week (March 19-22)
- Athletics information:
 - o JH Volleyball season was very successful w/ G-P this winter. Four girls participated (3-7th graders; 1 8th grader) Our 7th grade girls were key players for the team.
 - o High School Track: Practice began on Monday February 26th. Boys: 9 total (3 freshman boys from Griggsville-Perry and their parents have worked out transportation for them)
 - o Girls: 2 total (No participants from G/P)
 - o JH Track: Practice began on Monday, February 26 as well (I do not have exact numbers as this week a few have started after other conflicts. Boys: approx. 8 Girls approx.. 4
- Triopia hired Cody Winkleman as the 2024-25 Football coach. Coach Winkleman met with our boys interested in playing football in the fall on Friday, March 8. Currently anticipating 11 players. (Eligibility may determine our total number of players): 1 senior, 3 juniors, 2 soph and 5 freshman.
- Mr. Dean (Supt. From Triopia) has not scheduled the annual MTV Co-op meeting between all three schools. Once I receive information on the co-op meeting I will share this with the board.
- Action items: IESA and IHSA Membership Renewals for 2024-2025.
 - o IESA renewal begins April 1
 - o Annual membership dues - \$275.00
 - o Fees per sport: JH Softball and Baseball -\$65.00
 - o JH Boys and Girls Basketball (7th & 8 grades) \$65.00 each boys and girls
 - o JH Volleyball (7th & 8th grades) \$65.00 per grade
 - o JH Track boys and girls (7th & 8th grades) \$70.00 each grade for boys and girls
 - o Total fees: \$800.00
- Anything new since report was generated:
 - o Senior students and sponsors are finalizing plans for their class trip. It should be a day trip (looking at on a Saturday) Possibly going to Chicago
 - o I was interviewed today by the Jacksonville Journal Courier. Topics were Cell phone policy and Chronic Absenteeism.
 - o All other items are for executive session.

Member Jason Morton made the motion to go into Closed Session at 7:29 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 Seth Schmitz seconded the motion. Member Seth Schmitz made the motion to return from closed session and Member Zach Floyd seconded the motion. Board returned from closed session at 8:55 p.m.

Member Zach Floyd made a motion to approve the bid for the cafeteria floor. Member Erica DeWitt seconded the motion. All approved and the motion carried. 6 yeas and 0 nays.

Member Seth Schmitz made a motion to approve the resignation of teacher Justin Fuhler. Member Jeff Browning seconded the motion. All approved and the motion carried. 6 yeas and 0 nays.

Member Seth Schmitz made a motion to approve the IHSA membership for the 2024-25 school year. Member Zach Floyd seconded the motion. All approved and the motion carried. 6 yeas and 0 nays.

Member Erica DeWitt made to approve the IESA membership for the 2024-25 school year. Seth Schmitz seconded the motion. All approved and the motion carried 6 yeas and 0 nays.

Action Item 6.5 was tabled due to receiving a resignation letter that will be approved at the April meeting.

Member Jason Morton made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Jeff Browning seconded the motion. All approved and the motion carried and meeting was adjourned at 9:10pm.

Next Regular meeting to be held April 10, 2024 at 7:00pm.

President, Brian Werries

Secretary, Erica DeWitt