

Minutes
Regular Board of Education Meeting
January 17, 2024
7:00 p.m.

The board of education of the Meredosia-Chambersburg School District met in regular session on January 17, 2024 in the Board Room of the Meredosia-Chambersburg School. Vice President Jeff Browning called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll call was taken with the following members present: Jeff Browning, Erica DeWitt, Jason Morton, Seth Schmitz, Zach Floyd. Brian Werries was absent. Also present were Principal Kirk Graham, Superintendent Thad Walker, District bookkeeper Shari Kleinlein, Christina Brant, Shirley Bilyeu and Grant Duesterhaus.

Member Seth Schmitz made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Member Erica DeWitt seconded the motion. By unanimous vote motion carried 5 yeas – 0 nays.

Reports:

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

- Ike Howe came last Tuesday to do a walk through of the school to look at our electrical and air conditioning needs. I sent him the floor plans from the architects. I am hoping to hear something next week and then I can share it with you.
- We had a couple of weather days this week. One was because of the temperature being below -20 degrees wind chill. We have a text group with all the superintendents in the area from Quincy to Waverly. We start our conversation around 4:30 in the morning and try to make a decision by 6. The Adams County Emergency Management system, Brent Clair sends us all the latest updates. So it is not just a shot in the dark, it is a process.
- Today was my first somewhat of a half day back in the office. I am supposed to be off for two weeks. I plan on just taking it one day at a time.
- We will have a calendar for next year for the February board meeting, for the next years calendar we will need to take November 5th off for election day. It is deemed a mandatory Holiday, no school activities are allowed that day.
- Grant Duesterhaus will be here tonight to give us some info on a solar field. He is aware of our power issue/upgrades that we are working on, so he knows that we are not doing anything until after that gets completed.

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

- Start of the 2nd semester has gone very well.
 - o Student behavior and discipline has been very good
 - o Attendance has been a little down with a lot of sickness.
- Beginning our 2nd benchmark STAR testing for our local assessment this week (January 16-24)
- We will host HS girls Basketball on Tuesday, January 23 vs. South Fulton @ 6:00pm (Only 1 varsity game) and a short JV game after.
- ½ day teacher institute on Friday, January 26. Dismiss at 12:30pm.
- New news between now and the board meeting. We are receiving additional grant money for School Improvement.

Member Jason Morton made the motion to go into Closed Session at 7:40 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 Jason Morton made the motion to return from closed session and Member Seth Schmitz seconded the motion. Board returned from closed session at 7:52 p.m.

Member Seth Schmitz made a motion to approve the Latin Club overnight trip to IJCL Convention in February. Member Zach Floyd seconded the motion. All approved and the motion carried. 6 yeas and 0 nays.

Member Erica DeWitt made a motion to Adjourn the meeting. Member Seth Schmitz seconded the motion. By unanimous vote meeting was adjourned at 7:56pm.

Next Regular meeting to be held February 15, 2024 at 7:00pm.

President, Brian Werries

Secretary, Erica DeWitt