

**Minutes**  
**Regular Board of Education Meeting**  
**July 13, 2022**  
**7:00 p.m.**

The board of education of the Meredosia-Chambersburg School District met in regular session July 13, 2022 in the teachers lounge 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. Scott Gregory and Jason Morton were absent. Also present were Superintendent Thad Walker, Principal Kirk Graham, District bookkeeper Shari Kleinlein, Christine Brant and Shirley Bilyeu.

Member Madeline Buhlig made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Member Jeff Browning seconded the motion. By unanimous vote motion carried 5 yeas – 0 nays.

**Reports:**

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

- I have reached out to Lydia Swan to move to 1<sup>st</sup> grade, and she has accepted the offer..We have not received any apps for the 1<sup>st</sup> grade position. I will post the 5<sup>th</sup> grade position once this has been approved. I do have some ideas if we do not get any applications for the 5<sup>th</sup> grade.
- You will need to approve Cary Knox's 3 year plan for retirement per the teachers contract.
- Mr. Graham is having interviews for the Healthcare Aide position. I did not sit in on the interviews due to personal conflicts.
- The bullying policy is due to be approved for the next 2 years.
- The abatement has been completed and we are waiting on the gridwork to be completed. Also the air conditioning is moving along in the elementary end of the building.
- The fence that we have taken down for the new building, I would like to donate that to the village so they can use it for the new park.
- Approve Carol Howard as the Special Education Coordinator/Curriculum Director, she was the only applicant. She will do a great job.
- Summer Camp will start up again next week for two more weeks.
- The parking lot got sealed and stripped. It turned out very nice. The contractor recommended every 3 years.
- The annual fiscal audit will be next week.

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

I am excited to start my new role as Principal. It is going to be an interesting year with some of the new programs and changes: The addition of the AG program and FFA-I already have several students signed up for this class. Continuation of the Co-op program and Incorporating 6<sup>th</sup> grade as a part of the traditional JH and not a totally self-contained classroom.

June 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> I successfully completed the required Evaluation Training for Teachers.

The District Leadership Team (DLT) met on July 7<sup>th</sup> for the 1<sup>st</sup> time for the 2022-23 school year. Attached is a copy of the Agenda from the meeting.

I will be glad to answer any questions.

Summer Curriculum work:

School Improve plan: Primary focus for the 2022-23 school year will be in the area of writing-and aligning writing curriculum from K – 12<sup>th</sup> grades (especially in 3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grades)

Ms. Kilver and Ms. Courier have been reviewing writing curriculums and beginning to develop a plan for the writing curriculum alignment.

As well, we will continue throughout the school year reviewing the Reading and Math Curriculums as well.

Science Curriculum work:

Ms. Varner has been reviewing Science Curriculums for the lower elementary. Ms. Varner is beginning to develop an alignment for a science curriculum district wide.

School improvement plan days – 2:15 dismissals will be Mondays during the 2022-23 school year. Mr. Walker and I believe Mondays will be most beneficial for accomplishing tasks necessary. Since many holidays occur on Mondays, we will be able to plan around these weeks as necessary.

Important Dates, Activities, and Events Calendar – Please see attachment

I have begun my ear long list of Calendar events. This list will be continually be updated and a modified version will be available on the school website throughout the year.

Display and discuss plan for use of Cell-Phone lockers.

Discussion for Old uniforms in storage. Possible “yard sale” or advertise to sell old uniforms.

Member Alan Taylor 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 Erica DeWitt seconded the motion. Member Jeff Browning made the motion to return from closed session and Member Alan Taylor seconded the motion. Board returned from closed session at 7:42 p.m.

Member Jeff Browning made a motion to approve to sell all old sports uniforms, Member Erica DeWitt seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Alan Taylor, yea; Madeline Buhlig, yea; Erica Dewitt, yea; Brian Werries, yea; Jeff Browning , yea; Motion carried 5 yeas and 0 nays.

Member Madeline Buhlig made a motion to approve the resignation of teacher Amy Davis, Member Alan Taylor seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Madeline Buhlig, yea; Erica DeWitt, yea; Brian Werries, yea; Alan Taylor, yea; Jeff Browning, yea; Motion carried 5 yeas and 0 nays.

Member Alan Taylor made a motion to approve Carol Howard as Special Ed. Coordinator/Curriculum Director Member Jeff Browning seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Madeline Buhlig, yea; Erica DeWitt, yea; Brian Werries, yea; Alan Taylor, yea; Jeff Browning, yea; Motion carried 5 yeas and 0 nays.

Member Madeline Buhlig made a motion to approve teacher Lydia Swan moving from 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher to 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher. Member Erica DeWitt seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Erica DeWitt, yea; Brian Werries, yea; Alan Taylor, yea; Jeff Browning, yea; Madeline Buhlig, yea; Motion carried 5 yeas and 0 nays.

Member Alan Taylor made a motion to approve the Bulling Policy 7:180 for the 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 school years Member Jeff Browning seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Erica DeWitt, yea; Brian Werries, yea; Alan Taylor, yea; Jeff Browning, yea; Madeline Buhlig, yea; Motion carried 5 yeas and 0 nays.

Member Madeline Buhlig made a motion to approve the hiring of Lindsey Foubester as the new Health care Aide. Member Jeff Browning seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Erica DeWitt, yea; Brian Werries, yea; Alan Taylor, yea; Jeff Browning, yea; Madeline Buhlig, yea; Motion carried 5 yeas and 0 nays.

Member Madeline Buhlig made a motion to approve Cary Knox’s 3 year retirement plan for the 2024-2025 school year Member Erica DeWitt seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Erica DeWitt, yea; Brian Werries, yea; Alan Taylor, yea; Jeff Browning, yea; Madeline Buhlig, yea; Motion carried 5 yeas and 0 nays.

Member Jeff Browning made a motion to approve the sports Co-op with Triopia and Virginia for Jr. High Basketball Member Erica DeWitt seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Erica DeWitt, yea; Brian Werries, yea; Alan Taylor, abstained; Jeff Browning, yea; Madeline Buhlig, yea; Motion carried 4 yeas and 0 nays.

Member Alan Taylor made a motion to approve Robin Varner as High School Speech Coach Member Jeff Browning seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Erica DeWitt, yea; Brian Werries, yea; Alan Taylor, yea; Jeff Browning, yea; Madeline Buhlig, yea; Motion carried 5 yeas and 0 nays.

Member Erica DeWitt made a motion to approve Lydia Swan as the Jr. High Speech Coach Member Madeline Buhlig seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Erica DeWitt, yea; Brian Werries, yea; Alan Taylor, yea; Jeff Browning, yea; Madeline Buhlig, yea; Motion carried 5 yeas and 0 nays.

Member Madeline Buhlig made a motion to Adjourn the meeting. Member Jeff Browning seconded the motion. By unanimous vote meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm.

Next meeting to be held August 10<sup>th</sup> 2022 at 7pm.

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President, Brian Werries

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Secretary, Jason Morton