

Minutes
Regular Board of Education Meeting
June 8, 2022
7:00 p.m.

The board of education of the Meredosia-Chambersburg School District met in regular session June 8, 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, Erica DeWitt, Jeff Browning. Scott Gregory was absent. Also present were Superintendent Thad Walker, Principal Jeff Abell, District bookkeeper Shari Kleinlein, Kirk Graham Christine Brant and Shirley Bilyeu.

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

Reports:

Superintendent/Grade School Superintendent's Report:

- The asbestos abatement will start June 6, 2022, we have moved down to the high school end of the building. The board meeting will be held in the Teachers Lounge. We are located in Mr. Lashmett's, Ms. Courier's and Mr. Shupe's rooms.
- I would like to hire two summer workers (Nate Werries and James Shoemaker) to do some outside painting; bus garage, concession stand, and some other outside maintenance that needs to be done.
- Summer Camp starts June 6th.
- We have two students going to ESY, one is going to HOPE and one going to 4-Rivers. Starting June 6-August 1 for HOPE school, June 11 – August 8th for 4-Rivers. We have 3 bus drivers able to do that. It will be Rob going to 4-Rivers and Mr. Mehaffy and Mark Hester will be driving the HOPE school trip. The HOPE school trip they will stay in Springfield.
- I will have the job description for Mr. Graham's position at the board meeting for you to look over, The title will be Special Education Coordinator/Curriculum Director.
- I have the bids for the storage building. I will bring them to the meeting. One has concrete and the other one does not. The third bid is extremely high at \$500,000.00.
- The air conditioning install has started in the elementary wing.
- The end of the year went well, with the weather being very cooperative.
- The Morgan county tax extension will not be here until July this year, the last couple of years it came in June, but with some issues in their office it will be delayed.
- Looking forward to starting next year with no restrictions.
- We are having a faculty golf outing and dinner at Lone Oak golf course in Carrollton on Friday June 3rd. We have 18 golfers and 30 plus coming to dinner. Thanks to Mr. Graham for setting this up.
- We are continuing to get our internet for free through the DOIT consortium this is through E-Rate and free lunches will continue through the 2025 school year then we will need to reapply.

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

- Our Jr-Sr High Band played in St. Louis at the City Museum on May 16th. They were also able to enjoy many of the fun activities at the museum.
- Our Jr-Sr High School Awards Assembly was held May 25th. At the end of the assembly our 8th graders received their promotion certificates. Thanks to all the family and community members that attended the assembly. After the awards assembly we took an 8th grade trip to Sky Zone in Springfield where they enjoyed jumping, dodgeball, dunking, tug of war, video games and pizza.
- On May 26th we held a senior awards breakfast followed by graduation practice. After graduation practice Mr. Graham took the seniors to Topgolf in Chesterfield, Missouri.
- High School Graduation was held on May 27th. We had a very nice traditional ceremony in the gym. We had three students speak and Mrs. Rahe gave an outstanding commencement address.

- The Graduation Parade was led by our Jr-Sr High School Marching Band and they did a fantastic job. In addition to the graduates, we also had a limousine for our retirees. I would also like to thank all the community members for coming out to support the parade.
- Our DLT team continues to meet monthly, currently we are working on our School Improvement Plan goals and we have started organizing our summer school schedule. On June 8th we will be meeting with Merele Siefken, our IL-EMPOWER Coordinator from the Illinois State Board of Education; to review our fourth quarter data and to go over the district's school improvement plan.
- My last official work day will tentatively be, June 24th; pending confirmation of our family vacation plans.
- Our Instagram followers are up to 291.

Member Jeff Browning made the motion to go into Closed Session at 7:26 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 Madeline Buhlig made the motion to return from closed session and Member Jeff Browning seconded the motion. Board returned from closed session at 7:53 p.m.

Member Jason Morton made a motion to accept to approve the amended 2021-2022 school budget, Member Jeff Browning seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Alan Taylor, yea; Jason Morton, yea; Madeline Buhlig, yea; Erica DeWitt, yea; Brian Werries, yea; Motion carried 6 yeas and 0 nays.

There was no motion made to Approve Virginia hosting Jr High girls basketball for the 2022-2023 school year.

Member Alan Taylor made a motion to approve hiring two summer workers (Nathan Werries and James Shoemaker, Member Jason Morton seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Jason Morton, yea; Madeline Buhlig, yea; Erica DeWitt, yea; Brian Werries, yea; Alan Taylor, yea; Motion carried 6 yeas and 0 nays.

Member Jason Morton made a motion to approve the bid from Cowick Construction for the new storage building only. Concrete work pending Member Alan Taylor seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Madeline Buhlig, yea; Erica DeWitt, yea; Brian Werries, yea; Alan Taylor, yea; Jason Morton, yea; Motion carried 6 yeas and 0 nays.

Member Jason Morton made a motion to approve the hiring of Sherry Surratt as a bus aide for the HOPE school bus route. Member Erica DeWitt seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Erica DeWitt, yea; Brian Werries, yea; Alan Taylor, yea; Jason Morton, yea; Madeline Buhlig, yea; Motion carried 6 yeas and 0 nays.

Member Alan Taylor made a motion to Adjourn the meeting. Member Jeff Browning seconded the motion. By unanimous vote meeting was adjourned at 8:07pm.

Next meeting to be held July 13th 2022 at 7pm.

President, Brian Werries

Secretary, Jason Morton