**Minutes**

**Regular Board of Education Meeting**

**November 15, 2023**

**7:00 p.m.**

The board of education of the Meredosia-Chambersburg School District met in regular session November 15, 2023 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, Jeff Browning, Erica DeWitt, Jason Morton, Seth Schmitz and Madeline Buhlig were absent. Also present were Principal Kirk Graham, Superintendent Thad Walker, District bookkeeper Shari Kleinlein, Christine Brant and Shirley Bilyeu.

Member Erica DeWitt made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Member Jeff Browning seconded the motion. By unanimous vote motion carried 4 yeas – 0 nays.

**Reports:**

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

* Cyber security incident- I will have this information for you at the meeting. Not going to type everything that has been going on.
* The Veteran’s Day program went very well despite having to make some last minute changes due to no computers and printing. Thanks to everyone who helped with the program.
* We will need to discuss a student in executive session to decide on how we want to proceed with him.
* We have 3 new hires for aides to replace the ones that have left, we had to add a 1 to 1 aid in Pre-K due to an IEP. We will need to post for another position. Robin Sullinger has taken a job with the IDPH, she will be working out of Beardstown.
* I do not have much movement on the HVAC progress, I do know that the company out of Brown County is not interested due to the size of the job. The cyber stuff has consumed me for the past two weeks. I will have something for you by the December board meeting. I do apologize.
* I will have the tax levy completed and ready for approval.
* We will need to wait until the December meeting to seat our new board member due to the cyber incident. I want to make sure all of the interested candidates have a chance to get something turned in. We are not sure what we may have lost or did not make it through. I will explain more at the board meeting. At this time we only had 1 applicant. I will repost after the meeting on Wednesday.
* The new skylight has arrived. I am not sure when that will be installed.
* New news…….Since typing this I have learned of a break in a boiler line going to the East Wing of the building. We are just going to put in a new boiler to service that end of the building.

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

1. 2nd Quarter Midterm ends Friday, November 17th.
2. End of the semester will be here before we know it
3. HS has 19 academic class periods left before semester exams
4. JH has 21 academic class periods left in the semester.
5. News notes: one addition for December.
6. Mr. Sievers and drama class/club is planning a “Saturday night Follies”- like Saturday night live skits.
7. JH/HS Students of the month for October:
8. Based on the Character trait of “Responsibility”
9. JH – Ashlyn Hill
10. HS- Emma Session
11. Hosting Varsity Boys & Girls Basketball games?
12. We do not have any HS students playing basketball; boys or girls
13. Per the co-op agreement we may host 1 game per year
14. I have mixed thoughts on hosting since we do not have anyone playing
15. Would like some direction from the board.
16. Executive session – topics:
17. Seniors in danger of graduating
18. There are currently 2 or 3 seniors. I am in contact with them and parents
19. Student with continuous behavior issues:

Member Jason Morton made the motion to go into Closed Session at 7:23 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 Erica DeWitt seconded the motion. Board returned from closed session at 7:43 p.m.

Member Jason Morton made a motion to approve Ty Gebhardt as the JH Girls SB Head Coach for the 23-24 Season. Member Erica DeWitt seconded the motion. Roll call vote was as follows: Brian Werries; yea, Jeff Browning; yea, Erica DeWitt; yea, Jason Morton; yea. Motion passed with 4 yeas and 0 nays.

Member Jeff Browning made a motion to adopt a resolution to certify and file 2023 tax levy. Member Erica DeWitt seconded the motion. Roll call vote was as follows: Jeff Browning; yea, Erica DeWitt; yea, Jason Morton; yea, Brian Werries; yea. Motion passed with 4 yeas and 0 nays.

Member Jason Morton made a motion to approve Dean Werries as JH girls SB Volunteer assistant coach for the 23-24 Season. Roll call vote was as follows: Erica DeWitt; yea, Jason Morton; yea, Brian Werries; yea, Jeff Browning; yea. Motion passed with 4 yeas and 0 nays.

Member Jeff Browning made a motion to approve to hire Kassandra Bennett as a one on one Pre-K aide. Member Erica DeWitt seconded the motion. Roll call vote was as follows: Jason Morton; yea, Brian Werries; yea, Jeff Browning; yea, Erica DeWitt; yea. Motion passed with 4 yeas and 0 nays.

Member Jason Morton made a motion to approve to hire Evan Murphy as a one on one aide. Member Jeff Browning seconded the motion. Roll call vote was as follows: Brian Werries; yea, Jeff Browning; yea, Erica DeWitt; yea, Jason Morton; yea. Motion passed with 4 yeas and 0 nays.

Member Erica DeWitt made a motion to approve to hire ShiAnn Fearnyhough as a one on one aide. Member Jeff Browning seconded the motion. Roll call vote was as follows: Jeff Browning; yea, Erica DeWitt; yea, Jason Morton; yea, Brian Werries; yea. Motion passed with 4 yeas and 0 nays.

Member Jason Morton made a motion to accept the resignation of Media Aide Robin Sullinger. Member Jeff Browning seconded the motion. By unanimous vote the motion passed.

Member Erica DeWitt made a motion to approve the first reading of Press Plus Issues 113. Member Jeff Browning seconded the motion. By unanimous vote the motion passed.

Member Jason Morton made a motion to Adjourn the meeting. Member Erica DeWitt seconded the motion. By unanimous vote meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm.

Next meeting to be held December 13, 2023 at 7pm.

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President, Brian Werries

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Secretary, Erica DeWitt