

Minutes
Regular Board of Education Meeting
November 9, 2022
7:00 p.m.

The board of education of the Meredosia-Chambersburg School District met in regular session on November 9, 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, Madeline Buhlig, Erica DeWitt, Jeff Browning and Jason Morton. Also present were Principal Kirk Graham, Superintendent Thad Walker, District bookkeeper Shari Kleinlein, Christine 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:

1. We received a \$3000.00 grant from Ameren to help cover the cost of the Boiler service this year. I have also put in for a grant request for the Ameren Weatherization Pilot Program. I have copied the email that Steve Eisenhower sent me: Could you please let the customer know that after they agree to participate, we will ask [ECM](#) to follow-up and schedule a time to perform a free assessment (1-2 hours per building) where an Assessor walks through the facility and identifies opportunities for caulk and weather-stripping. Photographs will be taken to help estimate the materials required. The location of improvements will be marked on floor plans. A comprehensive report will be prepared that lists all the opportunities in the building as well as costs to Ameren IL. A customer will be given a copy of this report. Ameren IL will review the weatherization report and cost estimates, and plans to fully fund the cost of the recommended improvements. From Steve Eisenhower, Green Edison.
2. The building is completed, we will be doing a walk through with the building committee on October 24, 2022 at 5:00pm. (Brian, Jason, and Jeff)
3. We will need to have a quick board meeting to accept Scott Gregory's resignation from the board and to seat Seth Schmitz. That meeting will start at 6:50pm.
4. We have completed our active shooter drill and the Village Police Department was present. We will be going over the Risk Management Plan after Christmas and they agreed to be a part of the process.
5. We have our Veteran's Day Program coming this Friday, we will have a veteran's breakfast from 8:00 to 8:45, you are welcome to come if you are available. We have the Student Council and the NHS will be working the event. Monday will be our decorating day. The whole school will be preparing different decorations.
6. I will start the bidding process for the inside of the building next week.
7. We are due this year for our 5 year compliance visit from the ROE. Shari and I went to Griggsville and met with Kylie Orr from Pleasant Hill, Jeff Abell from Griggsville and Paula Hawley and Jessica Funk from the ROE to get everything in motion. It is a long process, it is due April 14, 2023.
8. I have been approached to be a part time police officer in Winchester, I am not certain yet if I am going to do this or not, but I wanted your thoughts on it before I continued any further. I will give you more information at the meeting in the executive session.
9. Lakyn Parker has resigned, she turned her two weeks notice, she lives in Franklin she could not afford the gas. We will make some internal changes to get her covered until someone becomes available.
10. We have been approved for the BTW training center for school bus drivers. The ROE does the theory portion, we can now do the driving portion. We will use the curriculum that is provided by the state. We will just need to keep driving records of each new bus driver. Until they have finished their 20 hrs of driving.
11. New News.....Promise Scholarship Banquet Thursday evening to show school presence.

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

School Visits:

- a. October 12 – Blackburn college – lunch visit
- b. October 18 – Illinois National Guard – lunch visit with students. We have a junior who is in the process of completing paperwork to join the IL National Guard.
- c. October 28 – MTI (Midwest Technical Institute) gave a presentation to Juniors and Seniors.
- d. November 17 – JWCC will be presenting to Juniors and Seniors in regards to concurrent enrollment for the Spring Semester or next Fall.
- e. Friday Nov. 18 – National Guard will do a presentation for the Juniors and Seniors.

2nd Quarter Midterm is Friday, November 18.

December 7 – Winter Music Programs 6:30pm – Elementary 7:30pm – JH/HS Band

December 8 – Host Freshman Boys Basketball vs. Rushville

- a. We have 2 Freshmen boys playing basketball this year
- b. We will host HS boys' game in January (Jan 5th) vs. Pleasant Hill

Mr. Sievers and student Council:

- a. Escape the Asylum was very successful on Halloween weekend.
- b. Unfortunately the Trunk or Treat was cancelled due to weather.

Monday, October 31. School wide dress up and Halloween parade

- a. Student Council passed out candy to all students at this time.

Member Alan Taylor made the motion to go into Closed Session at 7:20 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 Madeline Buhlig made the motion to return from closed session and Member Erica DeWitt seconded the motion. Board returned from closed session at 7:47 p.m.

Member Alan Taylor made a motion to approve hiring Mazi Walker as the JH Assistant Track Coach Member Jason Morton seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Alan Taylor, yea; Madeline Buhlig, yea; Erica Dewitt, yea; Jeff Browning, yea; Brian Werries, yea; Jason Morton, yea; Motion carried 6 yeas and 0 nays.

Member Madeline Buhlig made a motion to adopt a resolution to certify and file the 2022 Tax Levy. Member Jason Morton seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Madeline Buhlig, yea; Erica DeWitt, yea; Alan Taylor, yea; Jeff Browning, yea; Brian Werries, yea; Jason Morton, yea; Motion carried 6 yeas and 0 nays.

Member Jason Morton made a motion to Adjourn the meeting. Member Alan Taylor seconded the motion. By unanimous vote meeting was adjourned at 7:51pm.

Next meeting to be held December 14th 2022 at 7pm.

President, Brian Werries

Secretary, Jason Morton