**Minutes**

**Regular Board of Education Meeting**

**September 13, 2023**

**7:00 p.m.**

The board of education of the Meredosia-Chambersburg School District met in regular session September 13, 2023 in the Board Room of the Meredosia-Chambersburg School. Vice President Jeff Browning called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Roll call was taken with the following members present: Jeff Browning, Erica DeWitt, Jason Morton, Seth Schmitz. Brian Werries, Madeline Buhlig and Alan Taylor were absent. Also present were Principal Kirk Graham, Superintendent Thad Walker, District bookkeeper Shari Kleinlein, Christine Brant and Shirley Bilyeu and Melinda Fluckey.

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

**Reports:**

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

* We will need to accept the bid for Gano Electric to install the new service for the power upgrade. I will have a copy of the bids at the board meeting.
* Gena Surratt resigned and gave her two weeks notice. She is going back to work at the book bindery. I am posting for another aid position. We need two.
* We had two students threaten to jump a teacher. This will be further discussed in executive session.
* I printed out the budget summary for the budget hearing, with the new budget there is an EBF Plan that has to be done by the end of the fiscal year that is about 30 pages.
* We have a total of 32 students in the pre-K with an influx of 3 year olds, this is a great problem to have.
* We had to borrow a bus from Winchester. Our new bus is having some wiring issues and the wiring harness is on order and should be fixed by next week.
* Mark Hester quit two weeks ago. This will be discussed further in executive session. Jamie Potter has been filling in for him a few days a week until we can get someone hired. We currently have 4 applications.
* We are planning on interviewing for the Community Liaison position on Tuesday afternoon. We had 3 applicants.
* We have had several fights this school year so far. Mr. Graham has done a great job dealing with all the issues and this will have further discussion during executive session.

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

1. Start of the school year has been challenging:
2. Several discipline issues, but I think students are starting to settle in and get into a school routine.
3. Discussion of discipline saved for closed session.
4. Very pleased with the new staff we have hired. They are all doing a great job, and building a rapport with students.
5. (Mrs. Baker, Ms. Schutz, Ms. Ketcham, Mr. and Mrs. Rahe)
6. School improvement plans needs board approval.
7. I will e-mail JH/HS plan to each board member.
8. Reminder: The School Improvement Plan is a working document and constantly being updated throughout the school year.
9. 1st Quarter Midterm ends Friday, Sept. 15.
10. JH/HS Parent Teacher conferences will be Thursday, Sept. 21.
11. College Visits: Blackburn College has already visited the school. Upcoming visits are MTI, Illinois College and Quincy College.
12. Homecoming week: Sunday, September 17- Sept. 23
13. Homecoming Parade is Sunday, Sept. 17 at Meredosia @ 4:00pm
14. Game: Friday Sept. 22nd @ 7:00PM vs. Beardstown
15. Dane: Saturday, Sept. 23rd @ Triopia
16. JH Softball coming to a close – with a very good season.
17. Regular Season Record was 15-2 (Morgan County Conf. 4-1)
18. Morgan County Conference Champions- Won Regional Quarter Final Game on Wednesday, Sept. 6th. Play Saturday September 9th in Regional Semi-Final @ Brown Cty in Mt. Sterling @ 11:30AM vs. Pittsfield. If we win the Semi-Final, Championship will be Tuesday Sept. 12th @4:00 @ Brown Cty. Middle School.
19. Coach Gebhardt and his assistants (Brock Rohn and Dean Werries) have done a very good job this year. The girls have shown much improvement and I have had no complaints in regards to the coaching staff.
20. I have received many compliments thoughout the season about our facilities. (Field and restrooms) I would like to commend Rob Windell for the job well done. Compliments are from the Coaches, Home and visiting fans, including Ms. Hobrock (Virginia School Board member)
21. M-C Volleyball Tournament went very well again this year.
22. Triopia won the tournament both JV and Varsity
23. South County was 2nd both JV and Varsity
24. Pleasant Hill – 3rd for Varsity

Member Jason Morton made the motion to go into Closed Session at 7:27 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 8:02 p.m.

Member Erica DeWitt made a motion to approve the School Improvement Plan Member Jason Morton seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Jeff Browning, yea; Erica Dewitt, yea; Jason Morton , yea; Seth Schmitz yea; Motion carried 4 yeas and 0 nays.

Member Erica DeWitt made a motion to approve hiring Sandy Battefeld as the Part-time Elem. Librarian Member Seth Schmitz seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Erica DeWitt, yea; Jason Morton, yea; Seth Schmitz, yea; Jeff Browning, yea; Motion carried 4 yeas and 0 nays.

Member Jason Morton made a motion to accept the resignation of Aide Destini Kennedy. Member Erica DeWitt seconded the motion. By unanimous vote the motion was approved with 4 yeas and 0 nays.

Member Erica DeWitt made a motion to Approve Tenure for Jill Kilver It was seconded by member Seth Schmitz. By unanimous vote the motion was approved 4 yeas and 0 nays.

Member Seth Schmitz made a motion to Accept the resignation of aide Gena Surratt. It was seconded by member Erica DeWitt. By unanimous vote the motion was approved 4 yeas and 0 nays.

Member Jason Morton made a motion to approve the bid from Gano Electric for the electrical system upgrade but no 2nd was obtained so this item is tabled until the October meeting. Superintindent Walker will try to get a representative from each to come and explain their bids.

Member Jason Morton made a motion to approve the hiring of Abbie Murphy as the community liaison. Member Seth Schmitz seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Jason Morton, yea; Seth Schmitz, yea; Jeff Browning, yea; Erica DeWitt, yea; motion carried 4 yeas and 0 nays.

Member Jason Morton made a motion to approve the FFA going to the National Convention in Indianapolis. Member Seth Schmitz seconded the motion. By unanimous vote the motion was approved 4 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 8:25pm.

Next meeting to be held October 11th 2023 at 7pm.

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Secretary, Erica DeWitt