

**MERIDIAN CUSD 101
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
TUESDAY, JULY 18, 2017**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Meridian CUSD #101 Board of Education was called to order at 6 p.m. by President, Mike Hileman.

ROLL CALL

Members present included Mike Hileman – President, Justin Crain – Vice President, Charlotte Woods – Secretary, Rebecca Word, Connie Young-Hunt, & Scotty Henry. Also present: Spencer Byrd (Superintendent), Jill Dare (School Improvement Grant Director), Tony Rinella (7th-12th Principal), Scott Bunting (K-6th Behavior Intervention Specialist), Mitch Haskins (Athletic Director), Barbara McElmurry (Teacher's Aide 773 Rep), Janice Couch and Iwanda DeBerry (Teachers), John Windings (retired Band director), and Danielle Barter (recommendation to hire for HS English).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Rebecca Word and seconded by Scotty Henry to approve the meeting agenda as presented.

Member Vote: AYES: 6 – Rebecca Word, Scotty Henry, Justin Crain, Charlotte Woods, Connie Young-Hunt, & Mike Hileman; NAYS: 0; ABSENT: 1 – Melody Spaulding

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS

William Bird (HS Math teacher) addressed the board as to the reason he is resigning. Mr. Bird is not a fan of the new curriculum for Math that is state mandated to teach. Mr. Bird felt our kids are not ready for this curriculum.

John Windings gave a brief presentation on the benefits of having band in primary grades.

Danielle Barter introduced herself and gave a brief history of her professional career.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Justin Crain and seconded by Charlotte Woods to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Member Vote: AYES: 6 –Justin Crain, Charlotte Woods, Connie Young-Hunt, Rebecca Word, Scotty Henry, & Mike Hileman; NAYS: 0; ABSENT: 1 – Melody Spaulding

MOTION CARRIED

ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE SCHOOL ORAL REPORT

HIGH SCHOOL ORAL REPORT

Mr. Rinella went over his written report. He also elaborated on the new math curriculum.

DISCIPLINE REPORTS

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT ORAL REPORT

Jill Dare gave an update on summer school 2017. The program will end July 28th. Mrs. Dare also informed the board of the limited resources SIG, Title 1, and Title 2 will have in this new school year. Those budgets have been cut – we are looking at roughly a \$2.5 million loss. Perks such as out of district workshops (mileage), PBIS incentives, & Professional Development have been drastically slashed or eliminated altogether.

21ST CENTURY REPORT

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

MAINTENANCE DIRECTOR REPORT

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

No committee reports.

APPROVING THE 2017-18 WORKMAN'S COMPENSATION RENEWAL

A motion was made by Charlotte Woods and seconded by Mike Hileman to approve the 2017-18 Workman's Compensation Renewal as presented.

Member Vote: AYES: 5 –Charlotte Woods, Mike Hileman, Justin Crain, Scotty Henry, Connie Young-Hunt & Rebecca Word; NAYS: 0; ABSENT: 1 – Melody Spaulding

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVING THE 2017-18 COACHING HANDBOOK

A motion was made by Scotty Henry and seconded by Justin Crain to approve the 2017-18 Coaching Handbook as presented.

Member Vote: AYES: 6 –Scotty Henry, Justin Crain, Charlotte Woods, Rebecca Word, Mike Hileman, & Connie Young-Hunt; NAYS: 0; ABSENT: 1 – Melody Spaulding

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVING THE AUDIT FIRM TO PERFORM THE 2016-17 SCHOOL AUDIT

A motion was made by Mike Hileman and seconded by Connie Young-Hunt to approve Beussink, Hey, Roe, & Stroder, LLC as the District Audit Firm to perform the 2016-17 School Audit.

Member Vote: AYES: 6 –Mike Hileman, Connie Young-Hunt, Rebecca Word, Scotty Henry, Charlotte Woods, & Justin Crain; NAYS: 0; ABSENT: 1 – Melody Spaulding

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVING THE FIRST REVIEW OF THE 2017-18 K-12 STUDENT HANDBOOK

A motion was made by Rebecca Word and seconded by Charlotte Woods to approve the First Read of the 2017-18 K-12 Student Handbook as presented. Final approval will be at a Special Board meeting in August.

Member Vote: AYES: 6 –Rebecca Word, Charlotte Woods, Justin Crain, Mike Hileman, Scotty Henry, & Connie Young-Hunt; NAYS: 0; ABSENT: 1 – Melody Spaulding

MOTION CARRIED

EXECUTIVE SESSION 7:16 P.M.

A motion was made by Rebecca Word and seconded by Scotty Henry to convene in Executive Session for the discussion of:

- 1) The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity. (5 ILCS 120(2)(c)(1);
- 2) Collective negotiating matters between the District and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees (5 ILCS 120(2)(c)(2);
- 3) Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular District has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the District finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the closed meeting minutes. (5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(3)
- 4) Discussion of student disciplinary cases. (5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(9)

Member Vote: AYES: 6 – Rebecca Word, Scotty Henry, Charlotte Woods, Connie Young-Hunt, Mike Hileman, & Justin Crain; NAYS: 0; ABSENT: 1 – Melody Spaulding
MOTION CARRIED

OPEN SESSION 8:20 P.M.

A motion was made by Rebecca Word and seconded by Charlotte Woods to reconvene in open session.

Member Vote: AYES: 6 – Rebecca Word, Charlotte Woods, Scotty Henry, Justin Crain, Connie Young-Hunt, & Mike Hileman; NAYS: 0; ABSENT: 1 – Melody Spaulding
MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF RESIGNATION

A motion was made by Charlotte Woods and seconded by Justin Crain to accept the resignation submitted by Christine Reed (Teacher Aide) to be effective June 30, 2017.

Member Vote: AYES: 6 –Charlotte Woods, Justin Crain, Rebecca Word, Mike Hileman, Connie Young-Hunt, & Scotty Henry; ABSENT: 1 – Melody Spaulding
MOTION CARRIED

A motion was made by Scotty Henry and seconded by Charlotte Woods to accept the resignation submitted by Robert Trefil (HS English teacher) to be effective June 30, 2017.

Member Vote: AYES: 6 –Scotty Henry, Charlotte Woods, Justin Crain, Rebecca Word, Mike Hileman, Connie Young-Hunt; ABSENT: 1 – Melody Spaulding
MOTION CARRIED

A motion was made by Justin Crain and seconded by Mike Hileman to accept the resignation submitted by William Bird (HS Math teacher) to be effective immediately.

Member Vote: AYES: 6 –Justin Crain, Mike Hileman, Charlotte Woods, Rebecca Word, Connie Young-Hunt, & Scotty Henry; ABSENT: 1 – Melody Spaulding
MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF EXTRA DUTY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2017-18

A motion was made by Charlotte Woods and seconded by Rebecca Word to approve the following Extra Duty recommendations submitted by Mitch Haskins (District Athletic Director) for 2017-18:

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| MS Student Council Sponsor | Shari Biggs |
| Jr. Class Co-Sponsor | Elizabeth Thomas |
| MS Baseball Assistant | Webster McGuire |
| MS Softball Assistant | Leslie Thurston |
| MS Boys Basketball Assistant | Curtland Sawyer |
| MS Girls Basketball Assistant | Erin Ruiz |
| HS Volleyball Assistant | Melanie Ballard |
| HS Boys Basketball Assistant | Jared Staples |
| HS Girls Basketball Assistant | Mary Johnson |
| HS Co-Ed Track Assistant | Mary Johnson |
| HS Boys Baseball Assistant | Greg Harris |

Member Vote: AYES: 6 –Charlotte Woods, Rebecca Word, Scotty Henry, Justin Crain, Connie Young-Hunt, & Mike Hileman; ABSENT: 1 – Melody Spaulding

MOTION CARRIED

A motion was made by Charlotte Woods and seconded by Rebecca Word to approve the following 2017-18 Extra Duty Volunteers contingent upon successful completion of a criminal background check:

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| Leslie Weldon | HS Cheer Volunteer |
| Conner Schaal | HS Boys Basketball Volunteer |

Member Vote: AYES: 6 –Charlotte Woods, Rebecca Word, Scotty Henry, Justin Crain, Connie Young-Hunt, & Mike Hileman; ABSENT: 1 – Melody Spaulding

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF NEW HIRES

A motion was made by Scotty Henry and seconded by Connie Young-Hunt to approve the recommendation submitted by Tony Rinella (HS Principal) to hire Danielle Barter as HS English Teacher for the 2017-18 school year.

Member Vote: AYES: 6 –Scotty Henry, Connie Young-Hunt, Rebecca Word, Charlotte Woods, Justin Crain, & Mike Hileman; ABSENT: 1 – Melody Spaulding

MOTION CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT 8:24 P.M.

A motion was made by Charlotte Woods and seconded by Scotty Henry to adjourn this meeting.

Member Vote: AYES: 6 –Charlotte Woods, Scotty Henry, Justin Crain, Rebecca Word, Connie Young-Hunt, & Mike Hileman; NAYS: 0; ABSENT: 1 – Melody Spaulding

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL: _____

President – Mike Hileman

Secretary—Charlotte Woods