

**MERIDIAN CUSD 101
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2018**

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Members present included Justin Crain – Vice President, Charlotte Woods – Secretary, Connie Young-Hunt, Melody Spaulding, & Scotty Henry. Also present: Spencer Byrd (Superintendent), Novella Harris (K-5th Principal), Tony Rinella (6th-12th Principal), Randy Gardner (Maintenance Director), David Terry (6th-12th Behavior Intervention Specialist), Iwanda DeBerry (Teacher), Angela Alexander (Director of Student Services), Nick Hotze (Baysinger Architect), Judy Simpson (Local 773), Barbara McElmurry (Teacher Aide/Union Rep), Robert Andrews (Teacher Aide), Steve Tarver (Teacher Aide), Marcella Woodson (Teacher Aide), Tasheka Gamble (parent), Valerie Denson (parent), and Sarah Horan (School Lawyer).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Scotty Henry and seconded by Connie Young-Hunt to approve the meeting agenda as presented.

**Member Vote: AYES: 5 – Scotty Henry, Connie Young-Hunt, Charlotte Woods, Justin Crain, & Melody Spaulding; NAYS: 0; ABSENT: 2 – Mike Hileman & Rebecca Word
MOTION CARRIED**

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Byrd introduced Angela Alexander, the newly hired Director of Student Services.

Nick Hotze (Baysinger Architect) presented proposals to replace HVAC units and complete bathroom renovations for the High School.

EXECUTIVE SESSION 6:22 P.M.

A motion was made by Scotty Henry and seconded by Connie Young-Hunt to convene in Executive Session for the discussion of:

1) Discussion of student disciplinary cases. (5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(9))

Also present: Tasheka Gamble (parent)

**Member Vote: AYES: 5 – Scotty Henry, Connie Young-Hunt, Charlotte Woods, Justin Crain, & Melody Spaulding; NAYS: 0; ABSENT: 2 – Mike Hileman & Rebecca Word
MOTION CARRIED**

OPEN SESSION 7:03 P.M.

A motion was made by Scotty Henry and seconded by Charlotte Woods to reconvene in open session.

**Member Vote: AYES: 5 – Scotty Henry, Charlotte Woods, Connie Young-Hunt, Melody Spaulding, & Justin Crain; NAYS: 0; ABSENT: 2 – Mike Hileman & Rebecca Word
MOTION CARRIED**

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Charlotte Woods and seconded by Connie Young-Hunt to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Member Vote: AYES: 5 –Charlotte Woods, Connie Young-Hunt, Scotty Henry, Melody Spaulding, & Justin Crain; NAYS: 0; ABSENT: 2 – Mike Hileman & Rebecca Word

MOTION CARRIED

ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE SCHOOL ORAL REPORT

Mrs. Harris gave a brief report.

HIGH SCHOOL ORAL REPORT

Mr. Rinella gave a brief report.

DISCIPLINE REPORTS

No oral report.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT ORAL REPORT

No oral report given.

21ST CENTURY REPORT

No oral report given.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

No oral report given.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Policy Committee will schedule a meeting for Tuesday, February 6th to discuss Policy updates needed.

APPROVAL OF THE 2017-18 EMERGENCY CRISIS PLAN

A motion was made by Charlotte Woods and seconded by Scotty Henry to approve the 2017-18 Emergency Crisis Plan as presented.

Member Vote: AYES: 5 – Charlotte Woods, Scotty Henry, Connie Young-Hunt, Justin Crain, & Melody Spaulding; ABSENT: 2 – Mike Hileman & Rebecca Word

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF THE FIRST REVIEW OF THE 2017-18 COURSE DESCRIPTION HANDBOOK

A motion was made by Charlotte Woods and seconded by Scotty Henry to approve FIRST REVIEW of the 2017-18 Course Description Handbook as presented. Final approval should be voted on at the February board meeting.

Member Vote: AYES: 5 –Charlotte Woods, Scotty Henry, Connie Young-Hunt, Justin Crain, & Melody Spaulding; ABSENT: 2 – Mike Hileman & Rebecca Word

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF THE 2018 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) WITH SOUTHERN SEVEN HEAD START

A motion was made by Connie Young-Hunt and seconded by Scotty Henry to approve the 2018 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Southern Seven Head Start as presented.

Member Vote: AYES: 5 – Connie Young-Hunt, Scotty Henry, Charlotte Woods, Justin Crain, & Melody Spaulding; ABSENT: 2 – Mike Hileman & Rebecca Word
MOTION CARRIED

EXECUTIVE SESSION 7:10 P.M.

A motion was made by Charlotte Woods 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: 5 – Charlotte Woods, Scotty Henry, Connie Young-Hunt, Justin Crain, & Melody Spaulding; NAYS: 0; ABSENT: 2 – Mike Hileman & Rebecca Word

MOTION CARRIED

OPEN SESSION 8:43 P.M.

A motion was made by Scotty Henry and seconded by Connie Young-Hunt to reconvene in open session.

Member Vote: AYES: 5 – Scotty Henry, Connie Young-Hunt, Charlotte Woods, Justin Crain, & Melody Spaulding; NAYS: 0; ABSENT: 2 – Mike Hileman & Rebecca Word
MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF 10-DAY SUSPENSION WITHOUT PAY FOR NON-CERTIFIED EMPLOYEE

A motion was made by Charlotte Woods and seconded by Scotty Henry to approve the 10-day Suspension without pay for Robert Andrews, Non-Certified Teacher Aide, to begin January 24, 2018. Mr. Andrews will be allowed back to work on February 7, 2018.

Member Vote: AYES: 5 – Charlotte Woods, Scotty Henry, Connie Young-Hunt, Justin Crain, & Melody Spaulding; NAYS: 0; ABSENT: 2 – Mike Hileman & Rebecca Word
MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION TO DISMISS A NON-CERTIFIED SUPERVISORY AIDE

A motion was made by Charlotte Woods and seconded by Justin Crain to approve the Resolution to dismiss Marcella Woodson, a Non-Certified Supervisory Aide, effective immediately.

Member Vote: AYES: 5 – Charlotte Woods, Justin Crain, Scotty Henry, Connie Young-Hunt, & Melody Spaulding; NAYS: 0; ABSENT: 2 – Mike Hileman & Rebecca Word

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 2017 SUSPENSION REPORT

A motion was made by Charlotte Woods and seconded by Connie Young-Hunt to approve the December 2017 Suspension Report with the appropriate corrections made.

Member Vote: AYES: 5 – Charlotte Woods, Connie Young-Hunt, Justin Crain, Melody Spaulding, & Scotty Henry; ABSENT: 2 – Mike Hileman & Rebecca Word

MOTION CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT 8:47 P.M.

A motion was made by Melody Spaulding and seconded by Connie Young-Hunt to adjourn this meeting.

Member Vote: AYES: 5 –Melody Spaulding, Connie Young-Hunt, Charlotte Woods, Scotty Henry, & Justin Crain; NAYS: 0; ABSENT: 2 – Mike Hileman & Rebecca Word

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL: _____

President – Mike Hileman

Secretary—Charlotte Woods