

**MERIDIAN CUSD 101**  
**SPECIAL BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES**  
**TUESDAY, AUGUST 8, 2017**

**CALL TO ORDER**

This Special meeting of the Meridian CUSD #101 Board of Education was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Vice President, Justin Crain.

**ROLL CALL**

Members present included Justin Crain – Vice President, Charlotte Woods – Secretary, Melody Spaulding, Connie Young-Hunt, & Scotty Henry. Also present: Spencer Byrd (Superintendent), Tony Rinella (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Principal), Novella Harris (K-5 Principal), Mitch Haskins (District Athletic Director), and Melissa Thompson (recommendation to hire for MS Math).

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION 4:46 P.M.**

A motion was made by Scotty Henry and seconded by Charlotte Woods 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);

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

**OPEN SESSION 5:25 P.M.**

A motion was made by Charlotte Woods and seconded by Justin Crain to reconvene in open session.

**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**

**APPROVING THE RECALL OF THE PARA-PROFESSIONALS FOR THE 2017-18 SCHOOL YEAR**

A motion was made by Justin Crain and seconded by Charlotte Woods to approve to recall the following Para-Professionals for the 2017-18 school year:

Barbara McElmurry	Debbie Mize	Victor Baker
Tracyna Davis	Carol Mize	Robert Andrews
Dawn Nelson	Janice Stubbs	Laura Kilgore
Catherine Strunk		

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

### **APPROVING HIRING NEW STAFF FOR THE 2017-18 SCHOOL YEAR**

A motion was made by Charlotte Woods and seconded by Scotty Henry to approve hiring Melissa Thompson as MS Math Teacher for the 2017-18 school year contingent upon successful completion of a criminal background check.

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

A motion was made by Scotty Henry and seconded by Connie Young-Hunt to approve hiring Donald Blissett as an Elementary Teacher for the 2017-18 school year contingent upon successful completion of a criminal background check.

**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**

It was the consensus of the board to TABLE the discussion of hiring a Part-Time Band Teacher at this time.

### **APPROVAL OF RESIGNATION**

A motion was made by Charlotte Woods and seconded by Scotty Henry to accept the resignation submitted by Dawn Turner (District PE Teacher) to be effective immediately.

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

A motion was made by Charlotte Woods and seconded by Scotty Henry to accept the resignation submitted by Laura Meier (HS English Teacher) to be effective immediately.

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

A motion was made by Scotty Henry and seconded by Charlotte Woods to accept the resignation submitted by Ron Schultz (Special Education Teacher) to be effective immediately.

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

### **APPROVING THE 2017-18 K-12 STUDENT HANDBOOK**

A motion was made by Scotty Henry and seconded by Charlotte Woods to approve the 2017-18 K-12 Student Handbook as presented.

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

**APPROVAL OF THE DESIGNEE FOR THE TENTATIVE 2017-18 BUDGET**

A motion was made by Connie Young-Hunt and seconded by Scotty Henry to approve Spencer Byrd (Superintendent) as the designee for determining the tentative 2017-18 budget.

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**APPROVAL OF DISPLAYING THE PRELIMINARY 2017-18 BUDGET**

A motion was made by Scotty Henry and seconded by Justin Crain to approve displaying the preliminary 2017-18 Budget.

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**ADJOURNMENT 5:36 P.M.**

A motion was made by Charlotte Woods and seconded by Connie Young-Hunt to adjourn this Special meeting.

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

APPROVAL: \_\_\_\_\_

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President – Mike Hileman

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Secretary—Charlotte Woods