

**MERIDIAN CUSD 101
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2018**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Meridian CUSD #101 Board of Education was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by President, Mike Hileman.

ROLL CALL

Members present included Mike Hileman – President, Justin Crain – Vice President, Charlotte Woods – Secretary, Connie Young-Hunt, Melody Spaulding (left at 7:20 p.m. returned at 7:55 p.m.), & Scotty Henry. Also present: Spencer Byrd (Superintendent), Tony Rinella (6th-12th Principal), Scott Bunting (K-5 Behavior Intervention Specialist), Tracie Flamm (Teacher), Robert Andrews (Teacher Aide), Steve Tarver (Teacher Aide), Shawn Tarver (relative), Marcella Woodson (former Teacher Aide), LaSheba Morris (parent), Tasheka Acree (parent), Tina Acree (parent), LaShawna Johnson (parent), LaNesia Mack-Edwards (parent), Javonda Pratt (parent), Tasheka Gamble (parent), & Mike Lowe (parent).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION/EXPULSION HEARING 6:06 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), Mike Lowe (parent), LaTonya Griffin (relative), Spencer Byrd, Tony Rinella, & Scott Bunting

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

OPEN SESSION 7:35 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, Mike Hileman, & Justin Crain; NAYS: 0; ABSENT: 2 – Melody Spaulding & Rebecca Word
MOTION CARRIED**

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Steve Tarver (Teacher Aide) gave a brief statement about his time spent at Meridian. Shawn Tarver (relative) spoke on behalf of Steve Tarver's statement. Parents (Tasheka Acree, LaShawna Johnson, LaSheba Morris, Javonda Pratt) gave brief statements about how displeased they are with the conditions of the district.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE SCHOOL ORAL REPORT

No oral report given.

HIGH SCHOOL ORAL REPORT

No oral report given.

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

Meridian will host the Spring 2018 Shawnee Division Dinner Meeting on March 13, 2018.

APPROVAL OF THE 2017-18 COURSE DESCRIPTION HANDBOOK

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

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION 7:55 P.M.

A motion was made by Justin Crain 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);
- 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 – Justin Crain, Charlotte Woods, Scotty Henry, Connie Young-Hunt, Mike Hileman, & Melody Spaulding; NAYS: 0; ABSENT: 1 – Rebecca Word

MOTION CARRIED

OPEN SESSION 8:12 P.M.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL TO TABLE REMAINING NEW BUSINESS AGENDA ITEMS

A motion was made by Charlotte Woods and seconded by Justin Crain to table the discussion of the remaining new business agenda items until a special board meeting date can be set.

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

MOTION CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT 8:15 P.M.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL: _____

President – Mike Hileman

Secretary—Charlotte Woods