

**MERIDIAN CUSD 101  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES  
TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 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, Warren Jackson – Secretary, Rebecca Word, and Melody Spaulding. Charlotte Woods arrived at 6:05 p.m. Also present: Spencer Byrd (Superintendent), Tony Rinella (7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Principal), Novella Harris (K-6<sup>th</sup> Principal), Scott Bunting (K-6<sup>th</sup> Behavior Intervention Specialist), Jill Dare (SIG Director), teachers: Janice Couch, Hilary Crain, Leslie Thurston, Dawn Turner, Tracie Flamm, Dorlissa Cherry, Sharon Craig, Iwanda DeBerry, Laura Meier, Tammy Nuerenberg, Tracy Studer, & Christie Goodman; Joy Batagliotti & Kevin Junk (CSI Team), Nick Hotze & Earl Kleidon (Baysinger Architect), Mr. & Mrs. Bob Spaulding (grandparents) with Ashton Dillow (1<sup>st</sup> Place winner for the Conservation poster).

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**Member Vote: AYES: 6 – Justin Crain, Warren Jackson, Charlotte Woods, Mike Hileman, Rebecca Word, & Melody Spaulding; NAYS: 0; ABSENT: 1 – Jamie Nichols  
MOTION CARRIED**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Nick Hotze and Earl Kleidon gave a brief update on the building addition.

CSI Team gave the board an update on the progress of the district.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**Member Vote: AYES: 6 –Warren Jackson, Justin Crain, Charlotte Woods, Rebecca Word, Melody Spaulding, &Mike Hileman; NAYS: 0; ABSENT: 1 – Jamie Nichols  
MOTION CARRIED**

**ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE SCHOOL ORAL REPORT**

Mrs. Harris gave a brief oral report. She also wanted to recognize Ashton Dillow for winning 1<sup>st</sup> Place in the Conservation poster contest, Kamari Mack for winning 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in the Conservation poster contest, Sharon Craig and Leslie Thurston for having the highest score on their summative evaluations.

**HIGH SCHOOL ORAL REPORT**

Mr. Rinella went over his report.

## **DISCIPLINE REPORTS**

Mr. Bunting gave a brief oral report.

## **SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT ORAL REPORT**

Mrs. Dare gave a brief oral report updating the board on the technology purchases SIG has made for the new addition. Also, there will be Professional Development for the teachers during the summer.

## **21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY REPORT**

None

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Mr. Byrd gave an oral report.

## **MAINTENANCE DIRECTOR REPORT**

Mr. Gardner was not present.

## **BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

No committee reports.

## **APPROVING THE DISTRICT BOOKKEEPER FOR THE 2017-18 SCHOOL YEAR**

A motion was made by Warren Jackson and seconded by Charlotte Woods to approve naming Lori Crow as the District Bookkeeper for the 2017-18 school year.

**Member Vote: AYES: 6 –Warren Jackson, Charlotte Woods, Justin Crain, Rebecca Word, Mike Hileman, & Melody Spaulding; NAYS: 0; ABSENT: 1 – Jamie Nichols**  
**MOTION CARRIED**

## **APPROVING THE DISTRICT TREASURER FOR THE 2017-18 SCHOOL YEAR**

A motion was made by Rebecca Word and seconded by Melody Spaulding to approve naming Rochelle Perkins as the District Treasurer for the 2017-18 school year.

**Member Vote: AYES: 6 –Rebecca Word, Melody Spaulding, Warren Jackson, Charlotte Woods, Mike Hileman, Justin Crain; NAYS: 0; ABSENT: 1 – Jamie Nichols**  
**MOTION CARRIED**

## **APPROVING BIDDING OUT THE DAIRY AND BREAD CONTRACTS FOR THE 2017-18 SCHOOL YEAR**

A motion was made by Rebecca Word and seconded by Warren Jackson to approve bidding out the Dairy and Bread contracts for the 2017-18 school year.

**Member Vote: AYES: 6 –Rebecca Word, Warren Jackson, Melody Spaulding, Charlotte Woods, Mike Hileman, Justin Crain; NAYS: 0; ABSENT: 1 – Jamie Nichols**  
**MOTION CARRIED**

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION 6:52 P.M.**

A motion was made by Warren Jackson and seconded by Mike Hileman 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 – Warren Jackson, Mike Hileman, Justin Crain, Charlotte Woods, Melody Spaulding, & Rebecca Word; NAYS: 0; ABSENT: 1 – Jamie Nichols**  
**MOTION CARRIED**

### **OPEN SESSION 8:12 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, Justin Crain, Warren Jackson, Mike Hileman, & Melody Spaulding; NAYS: 0; ABSENT: 1 – Jamie Nichols**  
**MOTION CARRIED**

### **APPROVAL OF THE RESOLUTION TO HONORABLY DISMISS 2 FULL-TIME CERTIFIED TENURED TEACHERS PURSUANT TO A REDUCTION IN FORCE**

A motion was made by Justin Crain and seconded by Charlotte Woods to approve a resolution to honorably dismiss Dawn Turner, full-time tenured teacher, pursuant to a Reduction In Force, effective the last teacher workday of the 2016-17 school year.

**Member Vote: AYES: 6 –Justin Crain, Charlotte Woods, Mike Hileman, Warren Jackson, Melody Spaulding, & Rebecca Word; NAYS: 0; ABSENT: 1 – Jamie Nichols**  
**MOTION CARRIED**

A motion was made by Charlotte Woods and seconded by Justin Crain to approve a resolution to honorably dismiss Tamara McCutchen, full-time tenured teacher, pursuant to a Reduction In Force, effective the last teacher workday of the 2016-17 school year.

**Member Vote: AYES: 6 –Charlotte Woods, Justin Crain, Mike Hileman, Warren Jackson, Melody Spaulding, & Rebecca Word; NAYS: 0; ABSENT: 1 – Jamie Nichols**  
**MOTION CARRIED**

### **APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 2017 SUSPENSION REPORT**

A motion was made by Charlotte Woods and seconded by Justin Crain to approve the February 2017 Suspension Report.

**Member Vote: AYES: 6 –Charlotte Woods, Justin Crain, Mike Hileman, Warren Jackson, Melody Spaulding, & Rebecca Word; NAYS: 0; ABSENT: 1 – Jamie Nichols**  
**MOTION CARRIED**

### **SPECIAL MEETING**

It was the consensus of the board to schedule a Special Meeting on May 2, 2017 at 6 p.m. to seat the new board.

**ADJOURNMENT 8:15 P.M.**

A motion was made by Charlotte Woods and seconded by Justin Crain to adjourn this meeting.

**Member Vote: AYES: 6 –Charlotte Woods, Justin Crain, Rebecca Word, Warren Jackson, Melody Spaulding, & Mike Hileman; NAYS: 0; ABSENT: 1 – Jamie Nichols**  
**MOTION CARRIED**

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

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President – Mike Hileman

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Secretary—Warren Jackson