

**MERIDIAN CUSD 101  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES  
TUESDAY, MAY 16, 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, and Scotty Henry. Also present: Spencer Byrd (Superintendent), Scott Bunting (K-6<sup>th</sup> Behavior Intervention Specialist), Jill Dare (SIG Director), Randy Gardner (Maintenance Director), teachers: Janice Couch & Iwanda DeBerry; incoming new hires: Lavern Bartlett, Dirk Posey, Alex Washam, Shari Biggs, Kristie Shoemaker, & Mitch Haskins; Judy Simpson (Local 773), Christine Reed (Aide), Barbara McElmurry (Aide/Meridian Local 773 President); Members of the Mounds Lion Club: Anne Terry, Ray Terry, Josie Eason, Mr. & Mrs. Eurales, and Ronnie Diggs.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Don Baggott wanted to thank the board for choosing to extend the contract for Robinson Transportation. Mr. Baggott gave a brief update as to the great experience he has had working with Robinson Transportation.

Mounds Lions Club members presented Meridian School with a Buddy Bench in memory of Raheem Terry (Anne and Ray Terry's son who passed away last year/ and former student of Meridian) for the courtyard.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

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

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE SCHOOL ORAL REPORT**

Mrs. Harris was at a Principal's training.

**HIGH SCHOOL ORAL REPORT**

Mr. Rinella was at a Principal's training.

## **DISCIPLINE REPORTS**

Mr. Bunting gave a brief oral report.

## **SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT ORAL REPORT**

Mrs. Dare gave a brief oral report. Informed the board of how summer school is going so far this year. As of now, over 160 students have signed up to attend. Summer school begins on June 5, 2017 going through June 22, 2017. There will be a 2 week break and summer school will resume on July 10, 2017 and should wrap up on July 27, 2017. Also, there will be Professional Development for the teachers during the summer.

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

None

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Mr. Byrd introduced the new hires being recommended for hire tonight.

## **MAINTENANCE DIRECTOR REPORT**

Mr. Gardner introduced the new hires he is recommending for hire tonight.

## **BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

No committee reports.

## **APPROVING THE FINAL 2016-17 PUBLIC SCHOOL CALENDAR**

A motion was made by Scotty Henry and seconded by Justin Crain to approve the Final 2016-17 Public School Calendar as presented.

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

## **APPROVING THE 2017-18 PUBLIC SCHOOL CALENDAR**

A motion was made by Charlotte Woods and seconded by Scotty Henry to approve the 2017-18 Public School Calendar as presented.

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

## **APPROVING THE 2017 HAYDEN FARM SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT**

A motion was made by Connie Young-Hunt and seconded by Charlotte Woods to approve the 2017 Hayden Farm Scholarship Recipient, Brittany Nelson. Ms. Nelson was the only student to submit an application.

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

## **APPROVING THE 2017-18 VERIZON WIRELESS GSA FEDERAL SUPPLY SCHEDULE PURCHASE ORDER**

A motion was made by Mike Hileman and seconded by Justin Crain to approve the 2017-18 Verizon Wireless GSA Federal Supply Schedule Purchase Order as presented.

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

## **MOTION CARRIED**

### **APPROVING 2017-18 IHSA Membership Renewal**

A motion was made by Charlotte Woods and seconded by Scotty Henry to approve the 2017-18 IHSA Membership renewal as presented.

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

## **MOTION CARRIED**

### **APPROVING THE FIRST REVIEW OF THE BOARD POLICY CHANGES**

A motion was made by Mike Hileman and seconded by Charlotte Woods to approve the first review of the revised board policy changes.

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

## **MOTION CARRIED**

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION 6:40 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);
- 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 – Scotty Henry, Charlotte Woods, Rebecca Word, Connie Young-Hunt, Mike Hileman, & Justin Crain; NAYS: 0; ABSENT: 1 – Melody Spaulding**

## **MOTION CARRIED**

### **OPEN SESSION 8:04 P.M.**

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

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

## **MOTION CARRIED**

### **APPROVAL OF DISMISSAL OF A TEACHER ASSISTANT**

It was the consensus of the board to table the discussion of this matter.

### **APPROVAL THE SEPARATION AGREEMENT WITH A PROBATIONARY TEACHER**

A motion was made by Charlotte Woods and seconded by Justin Crain to approve the Separation Agreement with Gary Gischer, Probationary Teacher, effective immediately.

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

### **APPROVAL OF THE 2017-18 EXTRA DUTY RECOMMENDATIONS**

A motion was made by Rebecca Word and seconded by Connie Young-Hunt to approve the following 2017-18 Extra Duty Recommendations given by Spencer Byrd and Tony Rinella:

MS Baseball Coach – Erin Conley  
MS Softball Coach – Dorlissa Cherry  
MS Girls Basketball Coach – Webster McGuire  
MS Cheer Coach – Dorlissa Cherry  
HS Softball Coach – Robert Andrews  
HS Boys Basketball Coach – Eric Griffin  
HS & MS Beta Club Sponsor – Linda Blake  
Jr. Class Sponsor – Iwanda DeBerry  
Sr. Class Sponsor – Corby Hight  
Yearbook & MS Scholar Bowl Sponsors – Sherri Mosier  
FFA – Erin Ruiz  
HS Scholar Bowl – Erin Conley

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

### **APPROVAL TO HIRE NEW STAFF**

A motion was made by Justin Crain and seconded by Connie Young-Hunt to approve hiring Kassidy Shoemaker as the K-6 Special Education Teacher for the 2017-18 school year.

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

It was the consensus of the board to table the discussion of hiring a MS/HS Science Teacher.

A motion was made by Rebecca Word and seconded by Charlotte Woods to approve hiring Laverne Bartlett as the MS/HS Home Economics Teacher for the 2017-18 school year.

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

A motion was made by Charlotte Woods and seconded by Scotty Henry to approve hiring Jason Butler as MS/HS PE/Health Teacher for the 2017-18 school year.

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

A motion was made by Rebecca Word and seconded by Charlotte Woods to approve hiring Shari Biggs as the MS/HS Business Teacher/Tech Support for the 2017-18 school year.

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

A motion was made by Charlotte Woods and seconded by Connie Young-Hunt to approve hiring Mitch Haskins as the Consultant/Athletic Director for the remainder of the 2016-17 school year and to approve hiring Mr. Haskins as the Consultant/Athletic Director for the 2017-18 school year.

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

### **APPROVAL OF APRIL 2017 SUSPENSION REPORT**

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

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

### **APPROVAL OF THE LAWN CARE PROVIDER**

A motion was made by Charlotte Woods and seconded by Scotty Henry to approve Precision Lawn Service as the lawn care provider for the remainder of the 2017-18 year.

**Member Vote: AYES: 4 –Charlotte Woods, Scotty Henry, Rebecca Word, & Connie Young-Hunt; ABSENT: 1 – Melody Spaulding; ABSTAIN: 2 – Mike Hileman & Justin Crain**  
**MOTION CARRIED**

### **ADJOURNMENT 8:28 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, Scotty Henry, Connie Young-Hunt, & Mike Hileman; NAYS: 0; ABSENT: 1 – Melody Spaulding**  
**MOTION CARRIED**

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

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President – Mike Hileman

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Secretary—Charlotte Woods