

**MERIDIAN CUSD 101
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2016**

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, Charlotte Woods, Rebecca Word, & Melody Spaulding. Also present: Spencer Byrd (Superintendent), Tony Rinella (High School Principal), Novella Harris (K-6 Principal), Jill Dare (SIG Program Director), Gary Gischer (Athletic Director), Lawanda Green (HS Teacher/MEA Rep), Janice Couch (Pre-K Teacher/MEA Rep), Janice Stubbs (Aide), Nick Hotze (Baysinger Architect), Shaneka Cannon (parent), Tasheka Gamble (parent), Milcah Coleman (friend of parent), Ms. Casper (parent), & Miriam Everage (parent).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Nick Hotze gave a brief update on the building construction.

Ms. Cannon, Ms. Casper, Ms. Gamble, and Ms. Everage made brief statements about the ongoing issues in the 6th grade classroom and the PE classes. The teachers' issues are spilling into the classroom and students are fighting between classes.

Jill Dare gave a brief update on Test Scores.

EXECUTIVE SESSION 6:21 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) The collective negotiating matters between the District & its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees (5 ILCS 120(2)(c)(2);
- 3) Discussion of student disciplinary cases. (5 ILCS 120(2)(c)(9);

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

MOTION CARRIED

OPEN SESSION 7:42 P.M.

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

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

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE SCHOOL ORAL REPORT

HIGH SCHOOL ORAL REPORT

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT ORAL REPORT

DISCIPLINE REPORT

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

21ST CENTURY REPORT

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

MAINTENANCE DIRECTOR REPORT

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

APPROVING THE 2015-16 AUDIT

A motion was made by Warren Jackson and seconded by Charlotte Woods to approve the 2015-16 Audit as presented.

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

APPROVING THE TAX LEVY

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

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

APPROVING THE 2016-17 SPECIAL EDUCATION WORKLOAD PLAN

A motion was made by Rebecca Word and seconded by Justin Crain to approve the 2016-17 Special Education Workload Plan as presented.

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

APPROVING THE 2016-17 INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH COPE

A motion was made by Charlotte Woods and seconded by Melody Spaulding to approve the 2016-17 Intergovernmental Agreement with COPE and ROE#30 as presented.

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

APPROVING THE 2016-17 SOUTHERN SEVEN HEAD START AGREEMENT

A motion was made by Charlotte Woods and seconded by Justin Crain to approve 2016-17 Southern Seven Head Start Agreement as presented.

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

APPROVING THE RESOLUTION FOR NOTICE OF REMEDY

A motion was made by Justin Crain and seconded by Melody Spaulding to approve the Resolution to issue Tamara McCutchen, a tenured certified employee, a notice of remedial warning.

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

APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 2016 SUSPENSION REPORT

A motion was made by Rebecca Word and seconded by Justin Crain to approve the November 2016 Suspension Report as presented.

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

APPROVING THE ACTION TO IMPOSE STUDENT DISCIPLINE

A motion was made by Justin Crain and seconded by Charlotte Woods to approve the Board expel Student #2016-1 for a period of two years from December 13, 2016 through and including December 12, 2018, based on the Board's determination that the student engaged in egregious conduct, that the student's continued presence at school poses a threat to school safety of other students and staff and substantially disrupts the operation of the school. The Board further finds that given the severity of the student's misconduct, there are no other appropriate disciplinary interventions available and that the presence of the student at school will foster a culture that the student's behavior at school is acceptable or tolerated. Further, that student shall not be eligible enrolled in an alternative program because the Board finds that the student poses a serious risk of harm or injury to staff and students.

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

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVING BARRING INDIVIDUALS FROM SCHOOL PROPERTY

A motion was made by Mike Hileman and seconded by Justin Crain to approve barring Deon Cherry from entering onto the Meridian Community Unit School District #101 property and from attending all school related events, whether home or away, from December 13, 2016 through December 12, 2017.

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

A motion was made by Melody Spaulding and seconded by Charlotte Woods to approve barring Robert Williams Jr. from entering onto the Meridian Community Unit School District #101 property and from attending all school related events, whether home or away, from December 13, 2016 through December 12, 2017 unless he is granted prior written permission from a District Administrator to enter onto school property.

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

ADJOURNMENT 7:51 P.M.

A motion was made by Melody Spaulding and seconded by Rebecca Word to adjourn this meeting.

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

APPROVAL: _____

President – Mike Hileman

Secretary—Warren Jackson