

**MERIDIAN CUSD 101  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 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, Charlotte Woods, and Jamie Nichols. Rebecca Word arrived at 6:06 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 (School Improvement Grant Director), Lawanda Green (HS teacher/MEA President), Pam Thurston (Elementary teacher), Hilary Crain (Elementary teacher), Tracie Flamm (Elementary teacher), and Laura Meier (HS teacher).

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No comments.

**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, Melody Spaulding, Mike Hileman, & Warren Jackson; NAYS: 0; ABSENT: 1 – Jamie Nichols  
MOTION CARRIED**

**ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE SCHOOL ORAL REPORT**

Mrs. Harris recognized some of her Elementary teachers on test score gains: Hilary Crain, Tracie Flamm, and Pam Thurston.

**HIGH SCHOOL ORAL REPORT**

Mr. Rinella gave a brief report for High School. He spoke on Star 360, the PBIS incentive for test scores, and hiring an SRO (School Resource Officer).

**DISCIPLINE REPORTS**

Mr. Bunting gave a brief report on K-6<sup>th</sup> Discipline.

**SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT ORAL REPORT**

Mrs. Dare elaborated on Star 360 data.

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

None

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Mr. Byrd gave a Building Committee update.

## **MAINTENANCE DIRECTOR REPORT**

Mr. Gardner was not present.

## **BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

No committee reports.

## **APPROVING BIDDING OUT THE LAWN CARE CONTRACT**

A motion was made by Charlotte Woods and seconded by Justin Crain to approve bidding out the Lawn Mowing contract. The previous contract that just ended was for 2015 and 2016 (which ended October 2016).

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

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION 6:18 P.M.**

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

## **OPEN SESSION 7:21 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, Warren Jackson, Mike Hileman, Justin Crain, & Jamie Nichols; NAYS: 0; ABSENT: 1 – Melody Spaulding**  
**MOTION CARRIED**

**APPROVAL TO HIRE AN SRO (SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER)**

A motion was made by Warren Jackson and seconded by Justin Crain to approve the recommendation submitted by Spencer Byrd (Superintendent) to hire Jerry Johnson Jr. as the District SRO. Mr. Johnson will begin on January 23, 2017. There will be an agreement with Pulaski County Sherriff’s office and the school. Mr. Johnson will be paid at a rate negotiated with the Ullin Police Department.

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

**APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 2016 SUSPENSION REPORT**

A motion was made by Jamie Nichols and seconded by Justin Crain to approve the December 2016 Suspension Report.

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

**ADJOURNMENT 7:24 P.M.**

A motion was made by Rebecca Word and seconded by Justin Crain to adjourn this meeting.

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

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

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President – Mike Hileman

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Secretary—Warren Jackson