

**MERIDIAN CUSD 101
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2011**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Meridian CUSD #101 Board of Education was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President, Jill Bosecker.

ROLL CALL

Members present included President – Jill Bosecker, Vice President- Jerri Thurston, Mike Hileman, George Floyd, and Nancy Killius. Carl Riley arrived at 6:06 p.m. Staff present included Terry Moreland – Superintendent, Iwanda DeBerry, Brent Boren, Debra Houston, and Naomi Johnson. Visitors included: Richard Grigsby (Alexander/Pulaski County NAACP), Jeff Stroder (Audit Firm), and Alsandra Lewis (NAACP Representative).

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

A motion was made by Mike Hileman and seconded by Nancy Killius to approve the agenda as presented.

**Member Vote: AYES: 5 –Mike Hileman, Nancy Killius, Jerri Thurston, Jill Bosecker, and George Floyd; NAYS: 0; ABSENT: 2 – Warren Jackson and Carl Riley
MOTION CARRIED**

PUBLIC COMMENTS/EXECUTIVE SESSION

Richard Grigsby proposed to the Board of Education an idea of NAACP sponsoring a mentoring program at Meridian beginning with 4th Grade. Some of the areas of concerns are: character building and lesson assistance. The mentors will be NAACP members or other community members who would like to get involved, if background checks permit.

Jeff Stroder gave a brief description of the Audit findings for the FY11 school year. There were some areas of concerns but these areas can be corrected.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Mike Hileman and seconded by Jerri Thurston to approve the consent agenda as presented.

**Member Vote: AYES: 6 – Mike Hileman, Jerri Thurston, Nancy Killius, George Floyd, Jill Bosecker, and Carl Riley; NAYS: 0; ABSENT: 1 – Warren Jackson
MOTION CARRIED**

ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE SCHOOL REPORT

Mr. Boren gave a brief update on the progress of the school year so far. He handed out SWIS (School Wide Information System) data reports. This report tracks the office referrals of the students. Count is down from last year and hopefully this will be the trend for the remainder of the school year. The Fine Arts Grant program is up and running. He is still working on finding good deals on laptops for the Low Cost Laptop Grant. The playground area needs some upgrading and that will be a project that will be handled in the near future.

HIGH SCHOOL REPORT

Ms. DeBerry informed the board about the progress of the school year so far. FFA (Future Farmers of America) is going to Indianapolis Oct. 19-21. There are about 10 students going on this trip. The CNA program is doing well. There are 14 students currently enrolled in this program. It is being worked out where these students may be able to receive college credit for this program. High School students took part in a survey to help better Meridian school district. There were some interesting outcomes as to what areas the students felt needed improvement.

21ST CENTURY AFTERSCHOOL ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

Mrs. Houston gave a brief update on the 21st Century Afterschool Enrichment Program. The program began Tuesday, October 11th. There are currently approximately 220 students involved in the afterschool program for Elementary and approximately 40 students involved from High School. She is trying to come up with some incentives to get the High School students interested.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Moreland informed the board of the following items:

1. Met with SIU-C to possibly collaborate on a project to help Meridian.
2. Met with High School students and had them participate in a survey.
3. Met with a small group of parents to discuss ideas to better Meridian. Another meeting scheduled with a larger group of parents will be October 20, 2011 @ 7:15 p.m.
4. Attended a meeting with Shawnee Division on October 3, 2011.

AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

Negotiations committee is currently working with the Meridian Education Association on the contract negotiations. Neither Policy nor Finance committees have anything to report.

APPROVAL OF THE 2010-11 SCHOOL REPORT CARDS

A motion was made by Nancy Killius and seconded by Jerri Thurston to approve the 2010-11 Report Cards for the District, Elementary/Middle School, and High School.

Member Vote: AYES: 6 –Nancy Killius, Jerri Thurston, George Floyd, Mike Hileman, Carl Riley, and Jill Bosecker; NAYS: 0; ABSENT: 1 – Warren Jackson

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF THE 2011-12 SPECIAL EDUCATION WORKLOAD PLAN

A motion was made by Mike Hileman and seconded by Nancy Killius to approve the 2011-12 Special Education Workload Plan as presented.

Member Vote: AYES: 6 –Mike Hileman, Nancy Killius, Carl Riley, Jerri Thurston, Jill Bosecker, and George Floyd; NAYS: 0; ABSENT: 1 – Warren Jackson

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF THE 2010-11 AUDITOR REPORT

A motion was made by Mike Hileman and Nancy Killius to approve the 2010-11 Audit Report as presented. Jeff Stroder gave a brief description earlier on the findings.

Member Vote: AYES: 6 –Mike Hileman, Nancy Killius, George Floyd, Jerri Thurston, Carl Riley, and Jill Bosecker; NAYS: 0; ABSENT: 1 – Warren Jackson

MOTION CARRIED

EXECUTIVE SESSION 6:56 P.M.

A motion was made by Mike Hileman and seconded by George Floyd to enter into executive session for the purpose of:

- Discussing the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District or legal counsel for the District, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee or against legal counsel for the District to determine its validity. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)
- Collective negotiating matters between the District and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations, concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees. 5ILCS 120/2(c)(2)
- Discussion of 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. 5ILCS 120/2(c)(11)
- Student disciplinary cases. 5ILCS 120/2(c)(9)

Member Vote: AYES: 6 – Mike Hileman, George Floyd, Nancy Killius, Jerri Thurston, Jill Bosecker, and Carl Riley; NAYS: 0; ABSENT: 1 – Warren Jackson

MOTION CARRIED

OPEN SESSION 8:02 P.M.

A motion was made by Mike Hileman and seconded by Nancy Killius to return to open session.

Member Vote: AYES: 6 – Mike Hileman, Nancy Killius, Jerri Thurston, Jill Bosecker, George Floyd, and Carl Riley; NAYS: 0; ABSENT: 1 – Warren Jackson

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF THE SHAWNEE COLLEGE COOPERATIVE EDUCATION TRAINING PROGRAM AGREEMENT

A motion was made by Mike Hileman and seconded by Carl Riley to approve the Shawnee College Cooperative Education Training Program Agreement as presented.

Member Vote: AYES: 6 – Mike Hileman, Carl Riley, Jerri Thurston, George Floyd, Nancy Killius, and Jill Bosecker; NAYS: 0; ABSENT: 1 – Warren Jackson

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF THE RETIREMENT LETTER SUBMITTED BY JOANN HOLLEY

A motion was made by Nancy Killius and seconded by Carl Riley to accept the retirement letter submitted by JoAnn Holley effective October 31, 2011.

Member Vote: AYES: 6 – Nancy Killius, Carl Riley, Mike Hileman, Jerri Thurston, Jill Bosecker, and George Floyd; NAYS: 0; ABSENT: 1 – Warren Jackson

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 2011 SUSPENSION REPORT

A motion was made by Mike Hileman and seconded by Nancy Killius to approve the September 2011 Suspension Report.

Member Vote: AYES: 6 – Mike Hileman, Nancy Killius, Carl Riley, Jerri Thurston, George Floyd, and Jill Bosecker; NAYS: 0; ABSENT: 1 – Warren Jackson

MOTION CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT 8:05 P.M.

Jill Bosecker, Board President, adjourned the meeting.

APPROVAL: _____

President—Jill Bosecker

Secretary—Warren Jackson