

**MERIDIAN CUSD 101  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2010**

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**ROLL CALL**

Members present included Carl Riley- President, Jill Bosecker – Vice President, Warren Jackson – Secretary, Jerri Thurston, Nancy Killius, and George Floyd. Mike Hileman was absent.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA 6:05 P.M.**

A motion was made by Jill Bosecker and seconded by Nancy Killius to approve the agenda with the following addition: add to regular session Item 10.10 (Shawnee College & Career Readiness Agreement).

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS, CORRESPONDENCE, ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Warren Jackson read Thank You cards to the Board of Education from a parent, staff member, and guest presenter.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA 6:15 P.M.**

A motion was made by Nancy Killius and seconded by Jill Bosecker to approve the consent agenda with the following change: remove Item 6.5 (Approval of January 9, 2010 Special Board Meeting Minutes) and present to the board at the February 2010 meeting. Also concerns were voiced about Item 6.12 (Suspension Report) regarding repeat offenders.

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**HIGH SCHOOL ORAL REPORT GIVEN BY BRENT BOREN, PRINCIPAL**

Mr. Boren had nothing oral to add to his written report.

**FACILITIES ORAL REPORT GIVEN BY RANDY STARLING,  
MAINTENANCE DIRECTOR**

Mr. Starling gave a brief oral report informing the Board the Elementary/Middle School Gym floor has been installed. Dr. Bullock added the company will have to come back to paint the jump circle at half court. Mr. Starling also reported the sewer problem at the High School has been taken care of. A comment was made regarding the sound system at High School during Graduation: when sitting on the stage during Graduation the Board members can barely hear comments made by guest speakers.

**STATE AND FEDERAL PROGRAMS ORAL REPORT GIVEN BY ERMA TERRY, PROGRAM DIRECTOR**

Ms. Terry gave a brief oral report on the Early Childhood Director's Meeting she attended. Also Ms. Terry had photos from the Violin Performance at the Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration, the Parent Reading Program, and the Science Fair trip.

**SPECIAL EDUCATION/HOMELESS ORAL REPORT GIVEN BY IWANDA DEBERRY, PROGRAM DIRECTOR**

Ms. DeBerry gave a brief oral report on the IEP Preparation and the Illinois Alternative Workshops she attended. Ms. DeBerry also reported that the Special Education Review schedule has been set.

**CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION ORAL REPORT GIVEN BY DR. BULLOCK, SUPERINTENDENT**

Dr. Bullock gave a brief oral report elaborating on the State of Illinois Race to the Top Application Participating LEA Memorandum of Understanding.

**SUPERINTENDENT ORAL REPORT GIVEN BY DR. BULLOCK, SUPERINTENDENT**

Dr. Bullock gave a brief oral report on the first draft of the Budget Projection Worksheet for 2009-2011.

**BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

At this time neither the Finance nor Negotiations committee has anything to report. The Policy committee needs to set a date to review the latest updates received for the Board Policy Manual.

**BOARD RETREAT EVALUATION SUMMARY**

The Board of Education Retreat was held on Saturday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2010 from 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. at the Regional Office of Education. Comment was made that it was nice to see majority of our Board members attending and participating in this retreat.

**TAG SUMMARY**

Targeted Achievement through Governance (TAG) meeting was held on Tuesday, December 15, 2009 from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. with Deb Larson, Illinois Association of School Board, as the presenter. Comment was made that a newspaper article should be submitted to inform the public of trainings the Board of Education undergoes for the betterment of the district. Next TAG meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, February 9, 2010 from 5:00-6:30 p.m. with the Board of Education meeting immediately following at 6:30 p.m.

**BOARD DEVELOPMENT PRESENTATION GIVEN BY JERRI THURSTON**

Ms. Thurston gave a brief oral description of the Shawnee Division Governing Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, January 5, 2010 in Marion, IL. Board Development presenter for February will be Nancy Killius.

### **NSBA ANNUAL CONFERENCE/MEMBERSHIP**

The NSBA Annual Conference will be April 10-12, 2010 held in Chicago, IL. If any board member is interested in attending please let Rochelle know in a timely manner. It was the consensus of the Board to decline the membership for NSBA.

### **LOCAL, REGIONAL, STATE, AND NATIONAL REPORTS/UPDATES AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

Dr. Bullock elaborated on the Regional Office of Education 02 GSA (General State Aid) Per Pupil 10 Year Data Trend Report. Dr. Bullock also elaborated on the JAMP Meeting vote weight our district has and the JAMP Articles of Joint Agreement (please review). This will serve as first review of the JAMP Articles of Joint Agreement. More discussion on this agreement at the February 9, 2010 board meeting. JAMP wants to present this agreement at the Governing Board Meeting for approval on March 25, 2010.

### **APPROVAL OF THE CONTRACT AGREEMENT FOR DEBBIE DILLER, CONSULTANT, AS PRESENTED 7:28 P.M.**

A motion was made by George Floyd and seconded by Warren Jackson to approve the contract agreement for consultant, Debbie Diller as presented at a cost of \$2,800 per day for January 27<sup>th</sup>, March 24<sup>th</sup>, and April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

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

### **APPROVAL OF THE CONTRACT AGREEMENT FOR DR. FAIREST HILL, MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKER, AS PRESENTED 7:30 P.M.**

A motion was made by Jill Bosecker and seconded by Nancy Killius to approve the contract agreement for Dr. Fairest Hill, Motivational Speaker, to speak to students and staff grades 3-12 on January 14, 2010 at a cost of \$2,000.

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

### **APPROVAL OF THE CONTRACT AGREEMENT FOR SALSA 29 PRODUCTIONS, AS PRESENTED 7:32 P.M.**

A motion was made by Warren Jackson and seconded by Jerri Thurston to approve the contract agreement for Salsa 29 Productions to provide the High School students with Salsa dance demonstrations as a part of the Fine Arts Grant at a cost of \$650 on a date to be determined.

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

### **APPROVAL OF THE DISTRICT IMMIGRANT ELIGIBILITY REPORT AS PRESENTED 7:33 P.M.**

A motion was made by Jill Bosecker and seconded by Nancy Killius to approve the District Immigrant Eligibility Report as submitted.

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

**APPROVAL OF THE ESTIMATED BEST 3 MONTHS ADA REPORT AS PRESENTED 7:34 P.M.**

A motion was made by George Floyd and seconded by Jerri Thurston to approve the Estimated Best 3 Months ADA Report as submitted. Dr. Bullock commented that this report is on the preliminary report. She will submit this report again later in the school year.

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

**APPROVAL OF THE 2009-10 PUBLIC SCHOOL CALENDAR CHANGES AS PRESENTED 7:36 P.M.**

A motion was made by Warren Jackson and seconded by Jill Bosecker to approve the 2009-10 Public School Calendar changes as presented. Dr. Bullock commented that this calendar may be changed several times throughout the year depending on weather and other issues.

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

**APPROVAL OF THE REPAIRS MADE TO THE HIGH SCHOOL BLEACHERS 7:38 P.M.**

A motion was made by Nancy Killius and seconded by Jerri Thurston to approve the repairs made to the High School bleachers by Langhorst Construction, Inc. at a cost of \$3,603.41 to be paid using QZAB funds.

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

**APPROVAL OF THE E-RATE 470 APPLICATION AS PRESENTED 7:41 P.M.**

A motion was made by Warren Jackson and seconded by Jill Bosecker to approve the E-Rate 470 Application as presented. Ms. Terry commented this is the projection bid, it is the first submission for next year.

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

**APPROVAL OF THE ENHANCING EDUCATION THROUGH TECHNOLOGY GRANT AS SUBMITTED 7:42 P.M.**

A motion was made by George Floyd and seconded by Warren Jackson to approve the Enhancing Education through Technology Grant as submitted. Ms. Terry commented this is a one time grant not a recurring one.

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

**APPROVAL OF THE SHAWNEE COLLEGE & CAREER READINESS AGREEMENT AS SUBMITTED 7:44 P.M.**

A motion was made by Jill Bosecker and seconded by Nancy Killius to approve the Shawnee College & Career Readiness Agreement to reimburse the Shawnee College & Readiness program \$1,350 for Robert Batson, High School Math teacher, to teach MAT0041 for the spring semester.

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION 7:45 P.M.**

A motion was made by Nancy Killius and seconded by Jill Bosecker 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) litigation when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered in the minutes of the closed meeting. (5 ILCS 120(2)(c)(11)

Also present for Executive Session were: Frank Ellis, Brent Boren, and Randy Starling.

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

**OPEN SESSION 9:34 P.M.**

A motion was made by Jill Bosecker and seconded by Nancy Killius to reconvene in open session.

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

**APPROVAL TO EXPUNGE THE NOTICE OF CONCERN OF JOSH AKLIN FROM HIS PERSONNEL RECORD 9:38 P.M.**

A motion was made by Carl Riley and seconded by Nancy Killius to expunge the Notice of Concern of Josh Aklin, Probationary Custodian from Dr. Yvonne Bullock, Superintendent dated December 17, 2009, from his personnel record.

**Member Vote: AYES: 4 – Carl Riley, Nancy Killius, Jerri Thurston, and Jill Bosecker; NAYS: 1 - Warren Jackson; ABSTAIN: 1 - George Floyd; ABSENT: 1 – Mike Hileman**  
**MOTION CARRIED**

**ADJOURNMENT 10:10 P.M.**

A motion was made by Jill Bosecker and seconded by Nancy Killius to adjourn.

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

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

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President – Carl Riley

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Secretary—Warren Jackson