

CATO-MERIDIAN BOARD OF EDUCATION
Board Meeting Minutes
January 12, 2010

PRESENT: Michael Lees, President
 Jill Modafferi, Vice President
 Kathleen Bratt
 Paul Byrne
 Dean Cummins
 Scott Ford
 Todd Kacur

ALSO PRESENT: Noel Patterson, Superintendent
 Gwendolyn Marriam, District Clerk
 Crosby Lamont, Jr. – Assistant Superintendent for Business
 Robert Wren, Elementary Principal
 Sean Gleason, Middle School Principal
 Danielle Mahoney, High School Principal
 James Miller, Assistant High School Principal/Athletic Director/Director of
 Physical Education and Health
 Margaret Schlegel, Director of Pupil Personnel Services
 Dan Fay
 Staff Members
 Community Members

WHERE HELD: District Conference Room

The meeting was called to order by President Michael Lees at 6:30 pm.

Pledge to the flag.

On motion of Mr. Byrne, seconded by Mrs. Bratt, the agenda was approved.
 Yes 7 No 0 Abstaining

Agenda

Dan Fay gave an update on the Excel II Project.

The following personnel items were approved:

Motion of Modafferi, 2nd by Kacur	Alyson Tarney	Substitute Teacher Aide	\$7.50/hr. Eff. 1/13/10
Motion of Bratt, 2nd by Byrne	Francis Murphy	Certified Substitute Teacher	\$80.00/day Eff. 1/13/10

Motion of Bratt, 2nd by Kacur	Aaron Campbell Jennifer George	Non-Certified Substitute Teachers	\$75.00/hr Eff. 1/13/10
Motion of Bratt, 2nd by Modafferi	Cindy Cooper	Bus Driver	\$13,760/yr. Eff. 1/13/10
Motion by Cummins, 2nd by Bratt	Albert Janes Kelly Wallace Albert Bartholomew	Substitute Bus Drivers	\$11.50/hr pending completion of 19A requirements
Motion by Kacur, 2nd by Ford	Laura McGetrick	Advisor for MasterMinds Team	\$300.00 for 2009/2010 school year

Yes 7 No 0 Abstaining

On motion of Mrs. Modafferi, seconded by Mrs. Bratt, the budget transfers were approved.

Yes 7 No 0 Abstaining

Budget Transfers

On motion of Mrs. Bratt, seconded by Mr. Kacur, the minutes from the board meeting held on December 15, 2009 were approved.

Yes 7 No 0 Abstaining

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On motion of Mrs. Bratt, seconded by Mr. Kacur, the minutes from the board meeting held on December 21, 2009 were approved.

Yes 6 No 0 Abstaining 1 (Ford)

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On motion of Mrs. Bratt, seconded by Mr. Byrne, the standard work day for the recreation center was approved.

Yes 7 No 0 Abstaining

Rec. Center Work Day

A status report was given by Meg Schlegel on SEQA Review Corrective Action Plan.

SEQA Plan

The status of the External Audit was discussed.

External Audit Discussion

The budget was discussed.

Budget Discussion

On motion of Mrs. Modafferi, seconded by Mrs. Bratt, the board moved to executive session to take up a matter of appeal of a student discipline decision at 7:30 pm.

Yes 7 No 0 Abstaining

Executive Session

The board left executive session at 11:50 pm.

On motion of Mrs. Bratt, seconded by Mr. Ford, the board moves to modify the student's disciplinary action as such:

- 1) Student must attend ISS until February 22, 2010 with the rest of the OSS held in abeyance.
- 2) The parents can petition the Superintendent for their student to return to school on February 1, 2010. Factors to consider shall be the student's attendance and reports of exemplary behavior and participation in his studies.
- 3) While attending ISS, the student shall be allowed to attend his Film Studies and Economics classes for in-class instruction.
- 4) During ISS the student shall report to the high school office upon arriving at school and prior to leaving school for escort.
- 5) During ISS the student shall be escorted at all times and prevented from fraternizing with other students.
- 6) During the rest of the school year, on a 3-week basis, the student shall be under the following constraints:
 - If the student's average in any one class falls below 65, they will be ineligible for after school activities, including sports, for the following 3 weeks.
 - If the student's average in any class falls below 70, the student must seek additional help during the after school activity period.
- 7) The student's driving privileges to/from school are revoked for the rest of the school year, including after school activities.
- 8) Any violation of these conditions will result in additional disciplinary actions as deemed necessary by the school administration, including reinstatement of the remaining portion of the OSS held in abeyance.
- 9) These modified disciplinary actions shall be effective 1/14/2010.

Yes 3 (Bratt, Ford, Cummins) No 4 (Lees, Modafferi, Byrne, Kacur) Abstaining:

On motion of Mr. Kacur, seconded by Mrs. Modafferi, the board moves to uphold the Superintendent's recommended disciplinary action.

Yes: 4 (Lees, Modafferi, Byrne, Kacur) No: 3 (Bratt, Ford, Cummins) Abstaining

On motion of Mrs. Bratt, seconded by Mr. Ford, the board moves to modify the Superintendent's disciplinary actions as follows: The parents can petition the Superintendent for their student to return to school on January 29, 2010. Factors to consider shall be the student's attendance in alternative instruction and reports of exemplary behavior and participation from his tutor.

Yes 7 No 0 Abstaining

On motion of Mrs. Bratt, seconded by Mr. Cummins, the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 am on 1/13/10.

Adjourn

Yes 7 No 0 Abstaining

Gwendolyn Marriam, District Clerk