

CATO-MERIDIAN BOARD OF EDUCATION
Board Meeting Minutes
September 10, 2007

PRESENT: Kathleen Bratt, President
Michael Lees, Co Vice President
Charles Ware, Co Vice President
Dean Cummins
Heidi Dennison
Jill Modafferi
Rodney Pollock

ALSO PRESENT: Deborah Bobo, Superintendent
Janice Lee, District Clerk
Crosby Lamont, Jr., Assistant Superintendent for Business
Sean Gleason, Middle School Principal
Joseph Coleman, High School Principal
Robert Wren, Elementary Principal
Louis Chistolini, Assistant Principal/Athletic Director
Margaret Schlegel, Director of Pupil Personnel
Staff Members
Community Members

WHERE HELD: District Conference Room

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

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mr. Lees, the agenda was approved as amended.

Voting Yes: 7 Voting No: Abstain:

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mr. Lees, the resignation submitted by Kristine Kern effective 8/31/07 was accepted. Kern Resign

Voting Yes: 7 Voting No: Abstain:

On motion of Mrs. Modafferi, seconded by Mr. Pollock, Kelly Holt was appointed as a volunteer. Holt Volunteer

Voting Yes: 7 Voting No: Abstain:

Mrs. Bratt asked for a motion to enter executive session, made by Mr. Ware, seconded by Mr. Lees. The superintendent requested that executive session be conducted at the end of the business Meeting. The motion was rescinded. Exec. Session

On motion of Mr. Lees, seconded by Mr. Ware, the minutes of the meeting held on August 27, 2007 were approved. Minutes

Voting Yes: 7 Voting No: Abstain:

On motion of Mr. Lees, seconded by Mr. Pollock the minutes of the meeting held on August 28, 2007 were approved.

Voting Yes: 7 Voting No: Abstain:

On motion of Mr. Lees, seconded by Mrs. Modafferi, the request for a Disney cross country invitational trip October 8-11, 2008 was approved. X-Country Trip
Voting Yes: 7 Voting No: Abstain:

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mr. Cummins, approval was granted to approve the tax collector's warrant for Lysander in the amount of \$208,337.96. Lysander Tax
Voting Yes: 7 Voting No: Abstain:

The administrators updated the board on current events.

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mr. Lees, the board entered executive to discuss law firms, CSEA contract negotiations and exempt raises at 7:42 pm. Exec. Session
Voting Yes: 7 Voting No: Abstain:

Mrs. Dennison left executive session at 8:22 and returned at 9:15 pm.

The board moved from executive session at 9:15 pm.

On motion of Mr. Lees, seconded by Mr. Pollock, to appoint the law firm of Ferrara, Fiorenza, Larrison, Barrett & Reitz, P.C. as school attorney's was defeated. Attorney
Voting Yes: 3-Lees, Pollock, Modafferi
Voting No: 4-Bratt, Dennison, Ware, Cummins Abstain:

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mrs. Dennison, to appoint the law firm of Hogan, Sarzynski, Lynch, Surowka & DeWind, LLP.
Voting Yes: 6 Voting No: 1-Pollock Abstain:

The following exempt salaries were approved all retroactive to July 1, 2007:

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mr. Pollock, the salary increase for Deborah Bobo will be \$1,500. Exempt Salaries
Voting Yes: 4 Voting No: Modafferi, Ware Abstain: Dennison

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mr. Cummins, the salary increase for Crosby Lamont, Jr. will be \$1,500.
Voting Yes: 6 Voting No: Modafferi Abstain:

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mr. Cummins, the salary increase for Janice Lee will be \$1,500.
Voting Yes: 7 Voting No: Abstain:

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mr. Cummins, the salary increase for Lori Petrocci will be \$1,500.
Voting Yes: 7 Voting No: Abstain:

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mr. Cummins, the salary increase for Janice Lee will be \$1,500.
Voting Yes: 7 Voting No: Abstain:

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mr. Pollock, the salary increase for Gerald Youngs will be \$1,500.

Voting Yes: 7 Voting No: Abstain:

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mr. Pollock, the salary increase for Trucy Cardinale will be \$1,500.

Voting Yes: 7 Voting No: Abstain:

There was a discussion regarding a stipend for Trudy due to extended hours For the activity bus runs.

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mr. Pollock, the salary increase for Marilyn Warner will be \$1,500.

Voting Yes: 7 Voting No: Abstain:

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mrs. Modafferi, the salary increase for Katherine Hoyt will be \$1,500.

Voting Yes: 7 Voting No: Abstain:

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mr. Lees, the salary increase for Susan Hawker will be \$1,500.

Voting Yes: 7 Voting No: Abstain:

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mr. Pollock, the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 pm

Voting Yes: 7 Voting No: Abstain:

Janice Lee, District Clerk