

CATO-MERIDIAN BOARD OF EDUCATION

Meeting Minutes

March 6, 2006

PRESENT:

Kathleen Bratt, President
Charles Ware, Vice President
Dean Cummins
Heidi Dennison
Roxanne Miller

ALSO PRESENT:

Deborah Bobo, Superintendent
Lori Petrocci, Acting District Clerk
Crosby Lamont, Jr. – Assistant Superintendent for Business
Ann Marie Dillon, Elementary Principal
Sean Gleason, Middle School Principal
Charles Mitchell, Interim High School Principal
Lou Chistolini, Assistant High School Principal
Margaret Schlegel, Director of Pupil Personnel Services
Staff Members
Community Members

WHERE HELD:

District Conference Room

The meeting was called to order by President Kathleen Bratt at 6:00 pm.

Pledge to the flag.

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mrs. Dennison, the board entered executive session at 6:01 pm to discuss tenure appointments.

Exec. Session

Yes 5 No 0 Abstaining 0

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

Yes 5 No 0 Abstaining 0

Mr. Lints and Mr. Fay updated the board on the capital project.

Capital Project

Mr. Lamont stated that there is a company willing to remove the current bleachers saving the district approximately \$15,000. He also suggested that with the savings of bleacher removal that the high school gym floor be refinished.

Mr. Cummins stated that the Towns of Cato and Ira are willing to work with the school to transport top soil that is needed.

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mrs. Dennison the following change orders, not to exceed the amounts listed, were approved

Change Orders

PCO SC028	9,625	Drain inlets
PCO SCO030	14,440	Backstop canopies
PCO ECO63	1,372	Generator tie-ins - MS
PCO GC112	6,206	Additional wall pads
PCO CG110	2,323	Hardware-HS E-wing lobby
PCO SC008	12,840	Repair tennis courts
PCOEC062	24,878	Additional data wiring
PCO GC088/89	111,300	HS/MS bleacher replacement
PCO EC048	6,000	HS-wiring for bleachers
PCO GC122	14,805	Remove existing bleachers

Yes 5 No 0 Abstaining 0

After a discussion, the following recommendation was made by Mr. Cummins:

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mr. Dennison, PCO EC062 was withdrawn from the previous resolution.

Yes 5 No 0 Abstaining 0

Mrs. Kurpita, Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. Stone-Quinn and Mrs. Lebro presented staffing recommendations to the board. In the high school a study hall aide, full time home and careers teacher, business teacher and computer lab monitor. In the middle school a full time AIS teacher, library aide and computer instructor for middle school students. In the elementary a pre first grade teacher and an AIS math/reading teacher. They also recommend curriculum development and materials for K-12 ELA and math.

CMTA

Deputy Benton updated on the following safety issues: Congestion at the high school bus circle in the morning; speed of school buses and school vehicles; handicapped parking; lack of no parking signs and parking against the curb at sporting events; student athletes parking and students at curbside at dismissal.

Benton Update

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mrs. Dennison the following coaches were appointed for the 2005-06 season:

Appt. Coaches

Scott Henry	Mod Softball Coach	Step 3 2,850
Donna Cappellano	Varsity Girl's Track	Step 3 4,743
Dennis Taylor	Varsity Boy's Track	Step 2 4,237
Dennis St. Amour	Mod Boy's Track	Step 2 2,544
Krista Kolodziejczyk	Mod Girl's Track	Step 1 2,272
Steven Riley	Varsity Baseball	Step 1 3,781
Bradley Beck	Modified Baseball	Step 1 2,272
Verne Jones	Varsity Softball	Step 1 3,781

Yes 5 No 0 Abstaining 0

On motion of Mrs. Dennison, seconded by Mr. Ware, Michelle Argiro was appointed as a homebound instructor at \$15.00/hour at 2 hours per day effective March 13, 2006.

Appt. Argiro

Yes 5 No 0 Abstaining 0

On motion of Mr. Cummins, seconded by Mrs. Dennison, on recommendation of the board of education, not the superintendent, James Donahoe was appointed as varsity golf coach with a stipend of \$4,743 for the 2005-06 season.

Yes 5 No 0 Abstaining 0

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mrs. Dennison, approval of the minutes of the meeting held on February 13, 2006 was tabled until the next meeting.

Minutes

Yes 5 No 0 Abstaining 0

On motion of Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mr. Ware, the Committee on Special Education minutes were approved.

CSE Minutes

Yes 5 No 0 Abstaining 0

On motion of Mr Ware, seconded by Mrs. Miller the following bills were approved:

Apprv. Bills

SN87	843.01
SN89	142,039.32
SN91	292,054.06
SN92	4,839.35
SN93	23,678.77

Yes 5 No 0 Abstaining 0

Mr. Lamont discussed the need for new wide area mower and gave the board a breakdown of quotes for said equipment. He recommends the board approve a John Deere mower at a cost of \$14,191.20 for 3 years. The board will discuss this at the next meeting.

Mower

Mr. Lamont discussed the 2006-07 proposed budget stating that it will be lowered to 6.35% after modifications. He also stated that \$210,000 is needed for school bus needs.

06-07 Budget

The board will need to make a decision on how long they want the BOCES debt to go out – up to 30 years. Mr. Donegan will provide figures showing the difference between 20 and 30 years.

BOCES debt

The board discussed substitute teacher pay

The administrative staff updated the board on current events.

Public comment included: The golf coach appointment; tenure appointments; the resignation of the board members; additional programs in the elementary/middle school levels and that more teachers are needed.

Public Comments

President Bratt discussed the COSBA training and awards dinner; meeting with legislators at St. Mary's; Governor Pataki proposed a rebate for districts that come under 4% increase in the 06-07 budget and agenda postings.

Board Comments

Vice President Ware discussed the technology and audit committees, payroll audit, asked for a list of employees and the current salaries, and the board member term proposition.

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mrs. Miller, the April 24, 2006 meeting was cancelled and the meeting will take place on April 17, 2006 to adopt the 2006-07 budget to be presented to the voters.

On motion of Mr. Cummins, seconded by Mrs. Dennison the term of board members from 5 years to 3 years effective July 1, 2007 was defeated.

Yes 3 No – Ware & Miller Abstaining 0

Brd. Terms

The board discussed graduation percentages and enrollment for K-8.

On motion of Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Dennison the board entered executive session at 10:15 pm to discuss the employment of a particular individual.

Yes 5 No 0 Abstaining 0

Exec. Session

The board moved from executive session at 11:25 pm

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mrs. Dennison, the meeting was adjourned at 11:26 m.

Yes 5 No 0 Abstaining 0

Janice Lee, District Clerk