

CATO-MERIDIAN BOARD OF EDUCATION
Board Meeting Minutes
June 12, 2006

PRESENT: Kathleen Bratt, President
Charles Ware, Vice President
Dean Cummins
Heidi Dennison
Michael Lees
Roxanne Miller
Rodney Pollock

ALSO PRESENT: Deborah Bobo, Superintendent
Janice Lee, District Clerk
Crosby Lamont, Jr. – Assistant Superintendent for Business
Sean Gleason, Middle School Principal
Lou Chistolini, Acting High School Principal
Betsy Hayden, Dean of Students/AD
Staff Members
Community Members

WHERE HELD: District Conference Room

The meeting was called to order by President Kathleen Bratt at 7:00 pm.

Pledge to the flag

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

Yes 7 No 0 Abstaining 0

Agenda

Mr. Fay, Architect and Mr. Gray, Turner Construction updated the board on the capital project. They discussed the bleachers; punch list process, athletic field issues and the bus garage tank issue.

Capital Project

Mr. Chistolini, Mr. Gleason and Mrs. Dillon discussed the school report card.

Report Card

The School Improvement Teams reported on the past year's activities.

SIT Committees

On motion of Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mr. Ware, the board entered executive session at 8:22 pm to discuss the medical, financial credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation.

Exec. Session

Yes 7 No 0 Abstaining 0

The board moved from executive session at 8:37 pm.

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On motion of Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mr. Ware the following personnel items were approved with the retirement of Mrs. Breed accepted with regret:

Personnel

Christine Bartolotta	Maternity Leave	Effective 10/28/06-6/30/07
Kristine Kern	Maternity Leave	Effective 10/3/06-6/30/07
Cynthia Simons	Sub Teacher Aide	\$6.75/hr.-Conditional on fingerprinting
Marsha Breed	Retirement	Effective 6/7/06

Yes 7 No 0 Abstaining 0

On motion of Mr. Pollock, seconded by Mr. Ware, Sarah Castiglia was upgraded from teacher aide to teacher assistant from \$7.00/hr to \$7.50/hr. effective 3/8/06.

Castiglia-Assistant

Yes 7 No 0 Abstaining 0

On motion of Mrs. Dennison, seconded by Mr. Pollock, Kristine Kern was granted tenure effective September 1, 2006.

Kern Tenure

Yes 6 No 0 Abstaining 1-Miller

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mrs. Miller, the following student summer maintenance workers were appointed.

Summer Helpers

Jennifer Fenton	Chris Garrison
John Murphy	Deidre Shurtleff
David Quinn	Brittney Dornes

Yes 6 No 0 Abstaining 1-Dennison

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mrs. Dennison, appointment of co-curricular advisors were tabled until the June 26th meeting.

Table Co-curricular

Yes 7 No 0 Abstaining 0

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mrs. Dennison, the minutes of the meeting held on May 22, 2006 were approved.

Minutes

Yes 7 No 0 Abstaining 0

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

CSE Minutes

Yes 7 No 0 Abstaining 0

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mrs. Dennison, the Board of Education is hereby establishing the Internal Audit Function to be performed by personnel or entities in accordance with section 170.12 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education. Furthermore this function will be operational on or before December 31, 2006.

Internal Audit Function

Yes 7 No 0 Abstaining 0

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Mrs. Miller noted that the purchase of football uniforms required competitive bidding and she did not recommend approval of that invoice. She also stated that any purchase over \$10,000 should be bid.

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

Bills

SN 122	\$ 12,296.36
SN 124	238,225.98
SN125	2,614.76
SN 126	5,442.55
SN 127	10,849.46

Yes 6 No 1-Miller Abstaining 0

On motion of Mrs. Dennison, seconded by Mrs. Miller, the 2nd reading of policy 5323 was waived.

Policy

Yes 7 No 0 Abstaining 0

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mr. Lees, Policy 5323 – Expense Reimbursement was adopted.

Yes 7 No 0 Abstaining 0

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mr. Lees, the inventory appraisal proposal with Industrial Appraisal was approved.

Inventory Appraisal

Yes 7 No 0 Abstaining 0

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mr. Pollock, substitute teacher pay will be increased to \$75.00/day effective September 1, 2006.

Sub Pay Increase

Yes 7 No 0 Abstaining 0

The middle school internship position was discussed. The board asked for a recommendation at the June 26th board meeting.

MS Internship

The cost of transportation to community organizations was discussed. It was decided that a policy is needed on this and that the policy be reviewed at the reorganization meeting each year.

Community Trans.

Mrs. Miller discussed her proposed change in the apportionment of taxes. She stated that her proposal would result in equitable distribution of taxes whereby a house in each town with the same full market value would be equal. Mr. Ware indicated that action on this proposal does not need to be done until the tax levy is set.

Taxes

Discussion on public comment format included in the minutes was discussed. The policy was reviewed.

Public Comment

The FOIL process was reviewed.

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Reservations for the NYSSBA conference will be taken at the June 26th meeting.

Mr. Stanley Polmateer, who conducted the peer review will be asked to present to the board possibly on July 24th.

Mr. Lamont will conduct a survey of other school districts sub bus driver pay and report to the board on June 26th.

On motion of Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mr. Ware, the board entered executive session at 11:29 to discuss the medical, financial credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation.

Yes 7 No 0 Abstaining 0

The board moved from executive session at 1:50 am.

On motion of Mr. Cummins, seconded by Mr. Ware, the following resolution was adopted:

Greene Resolution

The Cato-Meridian Board of Education wishes to recognize Mrs. Linda Heins and her entire fourth grade class for supporting our soldiers in Iraq with letters throughout the year. The Salt City VFW Post has selected the exemplary work from over 500 applicants. Taylor Greene has been awarded a savings bond in honoring her as well as the Cato-Meridian Central School District.

Therefore, this Board of Education wishes to recognize Taylor Greene, and in her honor present this resolution of Recognition and Appreciation.

Yes 7 No 0 Abstaining 0

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mrs. Dennison, the meeting was adjourned at 1:54 am.

Yes 7 No 0 Abstaining 0

Janice Lee, District Clerk