

CATO-MERIDIAN BOARD OF EDUCATION
Board Meeting Minutes
November 13, 2006

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
Ann Marie Dillon, Elementary Principal
Sean Gleason, Middle School Principal
Joe Coleman, High School Principal
Louis Chistolini, Assistant High School Principal
Betsy Hayden, Athletic Director
Raymond Wager, Auditor
Staff Members
Community Members

WHERE HELD: District Conference Room

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

Pledge to the flag.

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mr. Lees, the agenda was approved as amended. Agenda
Voting Yes: 7 Voting No: 0 Abstaining: 0

Mr. Coleman presented a high school diploma to Gerald Burnett, a highly-decorated U.S. Marine Vietnam veteran, who did not graduate from high school. Mr. Burnett received a standing ovation. Burnett Diploma

Mr. Wager gave a brief overview of the 2005-06 school district audit. Audit Report

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded Mr. Pollock, the following personnel were appointed: Personnel

Sheila Buske	IDP Facilitator – HS	\$121.00
Kitty Dates	IDP Facilitator – ES	\$121.00
Jason Hirvela	HS Drama/Sounds/Lighting	\$769.00
Kathleen San Tangelo	HS Drama Musical Accompanist	\$1,593.00
Jen Sabatino	MS Girls Group	\$342.00
Jean Ann Saxton	MS Girls Group	\$342.00

Sara Pickett	Mentor for Merrisa Petrisino	\$600.00 Prorated
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Voting Yes: 7 Voting No: 0 Abstaining: 0

On motion of Mr. Lees, seconded by Mr. Ware, the following personnel were appointed:

Toni Brundidge	Substitute Nurse (RN)	\$75.00/day
Anita Cole	Substitute Teacher	\$75.00/day
Mary Carter	Substitute Teacher Aide	\$7.25/hr.
Julie Piascik	Long-Term Substitute Teacher for Laura McGetrick and Substitute Teacher	\$75/day for 15 days 1/200 th of step 1= \$199.93/day thereafter
Steven Smith	Custodian-Full Time	\$22,265.30 prorated

Voting Yes: 7 Voting No: 0 Abstaining: 0

On motion of Mr. Lees, seconded by Mr. Pollock, a teacher aide position was created 6.5 hrs/day at \$7.25/hr., with no benefits.

Voting Yes: 7 Voting No: 0 Abstaining: 0

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mr. Lees, the following appointments were approved:

Brenda Collier	Volunteer	N/A
Karen Hallett	Volunteer	N/A
David Laing	Volunteer	N/A
LouAnn Roberts	Volunteer	N/A
Tracy Gibbons	Volunteer	N/A
Cody Hoag	Volunteer	N/A

Voting Yes: 7 Voting No: 0 Abstaining: 0

On motion of Mr. Lees, seconded by Mr. Ware, the minutes of the meeting held on October 23, 2006 were approved.

Minutes

Voting Yes: 7 Voting No: 0 Abstaining: 0

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

Bills

SN-45	\$ 1,253
SN-47	493,396.86
SN-49	13,672.17
SN-50	89,135.63
SN-51	1,051.11

Voting Yes: 7 Voting No: 0 Abstaining: 0

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mrs. Dennison, budget transfers 05-06 Schedule #27 were approved as presented.

Bud. Trans.

Voting Yes: 7 Voting No: 0 Abstaining: 0

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mr. Lees, the following resolution was approved:

RESOLVED that the Board of Education transfer \$300,000 to the Insurance reserve and \$300,000 to the liability reserve from Undesignated fund balance effective 6/30/06.

Voting Yes: 7 Voting No: 0 Abstaining: 0

On motion of Mr. Pollock, seconded by Mr. Ware, the following donations were accepted: Exxon Mobil in the amount of \$500.00 and an anonymous donation of books totaling \$561.00.

Donations

Voting Yes: 7 Voting No: 0 Abstaining: 0

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mr. Lees, a bid was accepted from the Joseph Flihan Co. for the purchase and installation of an electric oven/steamer in the high school in the amount of \$14,197.00.

Accept Bid

Voting Yes: 7 Voting No: 0 Abstaining: 0

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mr. Lees, approval was granted to receive, deliver and install a Legion kettle that will be purchased under State contract in the amount of \$845.00.

Voting Yes: 7 Voting No: 0 Abstaining: 0

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mr. Lees, a Star Enhanced tax adjustment for James & Doris Reitz in the amount of -\$211.40 was approved.

Tax Adjustment

Voting Yes: 7 Voting No: 0 Abstaining: 0

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

CSE

Voting Yes: 7 Voting No: 0 Abstaining: 0

Mrs. Bratt read the first reading of policies 5570 and 5571.

Policies

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mr. Pollock, approval was granted to approve a change order for three additional rows of bleachers (9 rows) of bleachers in the high school gymnasium.

HS Bleachers

Voting Yes: 7 Voting No: 0 Abstaining: 0

Mr. Lees discussed the NYSSBA conference he attended. This Discussion tied into a discussion by the Board of Education on academics.

Administrators updated the Board on current events.

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mrs. Dennison, the board entered executive session at 9:07 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 10:50 pm.

On motion of Mr. Cummins, seconded by Mr. Ware, the meeting was adjourned at 11:01 pm.

Yes 7 No 0 Abstaining 0

Janice Lee, District Clerk