

CATO-MERIDIAN BOARD OF EDUCATION

**Meeting Minutes
December 12, 2005**

PRESENT: Kathleen Bratt, President
Charles Ware, Vice President
Dean Cummins
Heidi Dennison
Roxanne Miller
Patricia Russo
Donald Thompson

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
Charles Mitchell, Interim High School Principal
Margaret Schlegel, Dir. of Pupil Personnel Services
Eric Lints, Turner Construction
Chris Gray, Turner Construction
Dan Fay, Architect
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 Exec. Session
at 6:00 pm to discuss a personnel issue.
Yes 7 No 0 Abstaining 0

The board moved from executive session at 7:06 pm.

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mr. Thompson the agenda was Agenda
approved deleting item VI and appoint audit committee after adopting the
Audit Committee policy.
Yes 7 No 0 Abstaining 0

Mr. Lints, Mr. Gray and Mr. Fay discussed the capital project. The basketball Cap. Project
portion of the tennis court and the replacement of the B lot guard rail have been
removed from the project. The board was in consensus that the press box will be
added as an alternate on the project proposal. Other discussion included the field
hockey field; bus garage and press box project; water meter status; the capital project
status and PCO/change order approval.

Public comment included concerns with the use of the fields and the back stop
installation.

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Mr. Klivak reported on the BOCES grant. The grant is funded through February, 2007. BOCES Grant

Mrs. Bobo reported that there is on-going discussion among the superintendents regarding the possibility of keeping Mr. Klivak, through the remainder of 2007 if each district is willing to pay for the service.

Mr. Gleason spoke highly of Mr. Klivak and the technology training he provides. Admin. Updates
Mr. Gleason reported on the social studies exam; honor roll listing; math PLC; ELA and dates to remember.

Mrs. Dillon reported on the Walking to New Orleans initiative; school health index; the literacy program and dates to remember.

Mr. Mitchell played the Chamber Singers song from the Big Mike's Christmas CD; faculty advisory committee; revised course guide; dates to remember and that career day has been rescheduled for April 7, 2006.

Mr. Mitchell also read a report from Mrs. Hayden regarding sports.

Mrs. Schlegel updated the board on the replacement of the school psychologist; IEP improvements and ADHD staff training.

Mr. Lamont reported on the budget calendar and regulations on the 5-point plan.

Mrs. Bobo discussed drug awareness program to be held in March; the district SIT committee; the COSBA meeting and she noted that the 30 second clock has been repaired.

On motion of Mrs. Russo, seconded by Mr. Ware, the following resolution was approved: WHEREAS, Maximino Rodriquez has been absent from work continuously since January 14, 2004; and Termination

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Cato-Meridian Central school District has determined that it needs to permanently fill the position of custodian on a permanent basis; and

WHEREAS, a pre-termination hearing was offered Maximino Rodriquez and no request for a hearing was made; and

WHEREAS, Maximino Rodriquez is not able to perform the duties of custodian at this time.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Maximino Rodriquez be terminated effective December 12, 2005.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the employment of Maximino be terminated effective December 12, 2005, and that Maximino Rodriquez be accorded such rights as are contained in sections 71 and 73 of the Civil Service Law.

Yes 7 No 0 Abstaining 0

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On motion of Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Ware, the resignation of Tammy Toellner-Potter was approved (she did not begin employment).

Toellner-Potter
Resign

Yes 7 No 0 Abstaining 0

On motion of Mrs. Russo, seconded by Mrs. Dennison, co-curricular advisors were appointed for the 2005-06 school year.

Appt. Co-Curr.

Yes 7 No 0 Abstaining 0

On motion of Mrs. Dennison, seconded by Mrs. Russo, the following appointments were approved:

Appointments

James Woodridge	Sub Teacher-Eff. 12/13/05	\$55/Day \$60/after 15 days
Martin Connelly	Sub Teacher-Eff. 12/13/05	\$55/Day \$60/after 15 days
Sarah Mavretish	PT Rec Leader(swim team)	\$7.50/hr
Bev Green	PT Rec Leader(swim team)	\$7.50/hr
Patricia Deutschman	Rec Leader	\$7.50/hr
Create Position	Per Diem Psychologist	\$250.00/day
Dorothy Bresee	Sub Custodian	\$6.25/hr.

Yes 7 No 0 Abstaining 0

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mrs. Miller, the funding and adoption of the teacher aide/assistants contract was approved.

Aides/Asst.
Contract

Yes 6 No 0 Abstaining 1-Thompson

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mrs. Miller, an unpaid leave of absence for an internship at Mexico School District effective 1/3/06 through 6/30/06.

Wieland
Leave

Yes 7 No 0 Abstaining 0

On motion of Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mr. Ware, the minutes of the meeting conducted on November 21, 2005 were approved as amended.

Minutes

Yes 7 No 0 Abstaining 0

On motion of Mrs. Russo, seconded by Mr. Thompson, the minutes and recommendations of the Committee on Special Education were approved as presented.

CSE

Yes 7 No 0 Abstaining 0

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mrs. Dennison, ten computer monitors were gratefully accepted from Syracuse University.

Donation

Yes 7 No 0 Abstaining 0

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On motion of Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Ware, budget transfers

Bud. Trans.

Schedule 6	7,306.16
Schedule 7	165,000

Yes 7 No 0 Abstaining 0

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mrs. Dennison, bills were approved as follows:

Bills

SN-59	190,915.73
SN-60	2,819.50
SN-61	9,928.54
SN-62	1,669.87
SN-63	30,000
SN-65	881.16
SN-66	115,819.35
SN-67	87.07
SN-68	55,118.00

Yes 6 No 0 Abstaining 1-Miller

It is the expectation of the board that all bills will be signed prior to approving them for payment.

On motion of Mr. Cummins, seconded by Mrs. Dennison, approval was granted for the business and drama clubs to travel to NYC April 21&22, 2006.

NYC Trip

Yes 7 No 0 Abstaining 0

On motion of Mr. Cummins, seconded by Mr. Ware, approval was granted for the 8th grade to travel to Washington, DC March 23-25, 2006.

8th Gr. Trip

Yes 7 No 0 Abstaining 0

On motion of Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mrs. Russo, the second reading of policy 5322, 5570 and 1337.1 was waived.

Policies

Yes 7 No 0 Abstaining 0

On motion of Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mr. Ware, policy 5322 Use of Cell Phones was adopted.

Yes 7 No 0 Abstaining 0

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mr. Thompson, policy 5570 Audit Committee was adopted.

Yes 7 No 0 Abstaining 0

On motion of Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mrs. Russo, adoption of policy 1337.1 was defeated.

Yes 0 No 5 Abstaining 2-Russo, Thompson

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On motion of Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Ware, sample policy 1337.1, #3 will be prepared for approval at the next board meeting.

Yes 5 No 1-Russo Abstaining 1-Thompson

On motion of Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mrs. Russo, the Audit Committee will be the current Finance Committee.

Yes 7 No 0 Abstaining 0

Mrs. Bratt read the following proposed policies:

Phase in Graduation Standard of 65 on Required Regents Examinations
Parent Involvement for Children with Disabilities
Students Presumed to Have a Disability for Discipline Purposes
Suspension of Students
Mentoring Programs for First-Year Teachers
Students with Life Threatening Allergies
School Volunteers

The proposed school volunteers policy will be held for the January 30th meeting.

The public discussion included the audit committee members; school volunteers; substitute teachers and further discussion on the athletic fields.

Board member comments included a volunteer club; distance learning and modified sports.

The technology committee will have a presentation at the January 9th meeting and will ask approval to purchase computers.

Board goals will be adopted at the January 9th meeting and will be reviewed quarterly.

Mrs. Bobo will coordinate board training to be held in January.

On motion of Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Dennison, the board entered executive session to discuss a personnel issue and employment history of a particular employee.

Exec. Session

Yes 7 No 0 Abstaining 0

The board moved from executive session at 11:49 pm.

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mr. Cummins the meeting was adjourned at 11:50 pm.

Yes 7 No 0 Abstaining 0

Janice Lee, District Clerk