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MTCHS SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

April 17, 2023

- Date, Place, & Time** An online and in-person meeting of the MTCHS Board of Trustees convened at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, April 17, 2023. The meeting was held at Meridian Technical Charter High School, 3800 N. Locust Grove, Meridian, Idaho.
- Attendance** Chairman Wally Hedrick, Larry Andrews, Diane DeSpain, Jim Bradbury, Tiffany Greyson, Staci Low, Administrator Randy Yadon, Beth Richtsmeier, and Mora Claflin attended.
- Call to Order** Chairman Wally Hedrick called the meeting to order at 4:00.
- Consent Agenda** Approval of minutes from the March 13 Board Meeting. Diane DeSpain moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Jim Bradbury. Motion carried.
- Approval of Monthly Financial Statement. Discussion of Derivita services, which supplement the math curriculum. Motion to approve payment of the bills by Larry Andrews and Jim Bradbury seconded. Motion carried.
- Discussion/Action Items** New classified FTE from TP .49 Certification to 1.0 Classified. Elaine Shannon retired last year, then came back part time. We brought in Erica Grell as Special Ed/Interventionist. Elaine is now leaving. We are losing the 0.49 Certified and would like to move to a 1.0 Classified assistant/interventionist. Classified salary scales are increasing next year, but the wage shift should be close to the same. Motion to move the 0.49 certified to a 1.0 classified by Diane DeSpain, seconded by Larry Andrews. Motion carried.
- Informacast License. This is a three-year licensing fee for the software we use for lockdowns, safety announcements, clocks, etc. Motion to approve the three-year contract in the amount of \$6053 by Staci Low, seconded by Larry Andrews. Motion carried.
- SkillsUSA National Convention. Our students did very well at the state level and 21 competitors are going to Nationals in Atlanta GA on June 18 – 24, competing in 14 contests. Discussion of costs: Advisor travel, CTS funds, student payments, donations, fundraising, and grants. Discussion of areas students are competing in. Motion to approve the travel expenses to Atlanta of approximately of \$15,000 by Jim Bradbury, seconded by Larry Andrews. Motion carried.
- Bylaws. As we're working on the new charter, we're looking through the bylaws and updating. Discussion of proposed changes, including:
Move the Annual Meeting from July to April.



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Change board members from one-year terms to two- or three-year terms.
Post notice of meeting on the school website and on the door.
Officers: Secretary/Clerk and Treasurer may be selected from outside membership of the board from employees of the organization.
Charter Administrator's responsibility of hiring individual teachers and staff instead of the Board.

Financial authorizations

Jim Bradbury volunteered for either a two- or three-year term; Wally put him down for two. Larry Andrews volunteered for a two-year term. Tiffany Greyson will not be continuing as a board member. Diane DeSpain, the parent representative, has a senior student graduating and will not be continuing. Bylaws will be cleaned up with corrections as discussed. Motion to approve revision of bylaws as presented by Larry Andrews, seconded by Staci Low. Motion carried.

Motion to reappoint the current board members (Wally Hedrick, Larry Andrews, Staci Low, Diane DeSpain, Nick Crabbs, Jim Bradbury, and Tiffany Greyson) with the terms to be determined by Jim Bradbury, seconded by Diane DeSpain. Motion carried.

Motion to leave Wally Hedrick as Board President, and Larry Andrews as Board Vice President, and appoint the Secretary/Clerk and Treasurer from employees of MTCHS by Staci Low, seconded by Jim Bradbury.

Principal's Evaluation. Discussion of staff surveys. Wally is meeting with Randy to finalize before the next meeting. No motion.

Device Protection Plan. Discussion of implementing an optional Device Protection Plan similar to West Ada's. Cost would be \$25 per year, cover the first incident, then there would be a \$20 deductible for following claims. Motion to approve the Device Protection Plan for the 23-24 school year by Diane DeSpain, seconded by Jim Bradbury. Motion carried.

Principal's Report

SkillsUSA Competition. We had 58 students at the State Conference in 22 different contests. Students placed in gold, silver, and bronze and one was elected to be the State Secretary for next year.

The Business Breakfast and Junior Intern Fair are scheduled for April 26.

Exterior doors are locked all day long, staff and students have key cards to enter.

Adjournment

The next board meetings will be on May 15, June 12, and July 10 at 4:00. Graduation is May 19 at Meridian High School Performing Arts Center at 6:00. Motion to adjourn at 4:45 by Diane DeSpain, seconded by Larry Andrews. Motion carried.