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MTCHS SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

June 12, 2023

- Date, Place, & Time** An online and in-person meeting of the MTCHS Board of Trustees convened at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, May 22, 2023. The meeting was held at Meridian Technical Charter High School, 3800 N. Locust Grove, Meridian, Idaho.
- Attendance** Chairman Wally Hedrick, Larry Andrews, Jim Bradbury, Diane DeSpain, Tiffany Greyson Nick Crabbs, 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 May 22 Board Meeting. Larry Andrews moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Diane DeSpain. Motion carried.
- Approval of minutes from the May 31 Special Board Meeting concerning teacher contracts. Larry Andrews moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Jim Bradbury. Motion carried.
- Approval of Monthly Financial Statement. Motion to approve payment of the bills by Larry Andrews and Jim Bradbury seconded. Motion carried.
- Discussion/Action Items** Charter Certificate and By-Laws. We were hoping for a first reading, but it's still in West Ada's legal review.
- Video Wall – proposals and bids. Discussion of high-impact video wall in Haley Hall. An email was sent to parents and alumni and generated a little over \$5,620 in donations. Some of the money came from PTSO. So far, we have two bids we're looking at from Loop Technologies and from Neurolink. We would like to use next year's lottery funds that are usually between \$17,000 to \$19,000. Motion to approve the expenditure of up to \$25,000 for the Haley Hall Video Wall by Nick Crabbs, seconded by Larry Andrews. Motion carried.
- Handbook Changes for 23-24. West Ada is making a change to their dress code, with language becoming more gender neutral. The biggest change is allowing students to wear hats and head coverings. Staff dress code will be business casual. Motion to adopt the changes to the 23-24 Handbook by Larry Andrews, seconded by Nick Crabbs. Motion Carried.
- Rehire of Staff – Certified and Classified. Review of pay raise for teachers in May 31 Special Meeting. Recommend rehire all certified teaching and instructional support staff for the 23-24 school year. The state funded classified at about an eight percent increase across the board. Recommend moving Mora across ladder from Grade Four, step ten to grade Five, step six, which will allow



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more years to progress in. We have a strong candidate for the classified Interventionist position to help the Special Education teacher; waiting for her to arrive in town for an interview. James is also in a classified position, but West Ada hasn't settled the technical pay scale yet. West Ada did the same for Administrative as for the teachers, adding \$4965 to each cell and giving them a percentage of increase in attendance. Motion to approve the following: rehire all staff, with the following salary increases. Mora to a Grade 5, Step 6 with 3% to the base. Administrative Staff, \$4965 to the base + step with Beth moving to a District Administrator/Step 5 by Jim Bradbury, seconded by Larry Andrews. Motion carried.

July Meeting Notice. Discussion of necessity of having the meeting as we will only approve the minutes and the payment of the bills. Motion to cancel the July meeting and conduct our business that will have covered a two-month period in our August 21 meeting by Larry Andrews, seconded by Diane DeSpain. Motion carried.

Principal's Report

End of year. We had a total of 11 students with a no credit or fail in one class. This number is the lowest in five years and I want to credit our high contact intervention work with students as soon as we see them struggling.

Budget Meeting

Wally Hedrick called the Budget Meeting to order at 4:30. Summary Statement for the 2022-2023 School Budget presented; Beth Richtsmeier discussed prior years and adjustments to last year's budget. Motion to approve the Revised 2022-2023 Budget by Larry Andrews, Diane DeSpain seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Discussion of 2023-2024 Proposed Budget. Motion to approve Proposed Budget by Larry Andrews, seconded by Jim Bradbury. Motion carried.
Wally Hedrick adjourned the Budget Hearing at 4:42.

Adjournment

The next board meetings will be on August 21.

Motion to adjourn at 4:43 by Larry Andrews, seconded by Diane DeSpain. Motion carried.