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MTCHS SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

August 21, 2023

- Date, Place, & Time** An online and in-person meeting of the MTCHS Board of Trustees convened at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, August 21, 2023. The meeting was held at Meridian Technical Charter High School, 3800 N. Locust Grove, Meridian, Idaho.
- Attendance** Chairman Wally Hedrick, Diane DeSpain, Staci Low, Larry Andrews, Jim Bradbury, 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 June 12 Board Meeting. Diane DeSpain moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Staci Low. 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, Performance Certificate and By-Laws. We went through the charter and updated language, aligned it with current Idaho charter school law. Much of the rewrite went through Dr. Derek Bub, Jonathan Gillen, and Amy White. The functional difference is in Article 4, Student Demand and Attendance Area. This gets rid of the 200-student limit, explains the natural ceiling created by the internship program, and delineates how MTCHS can request enrollment increases beyond 20 students each year. The rest of the charter has updated language; we've always provided our budget and audit report. This reading has already been brought to the West Ada School board and approved. We are one of 12 charters that is authorized by the local district. Motion to approve charter by Staci Low, seconded by Larry Andrews. Motion carried. Randy mentioned to the board that we would be discussing program growth development and would be getting input on what their vision is. Think about what the next 20 years look like.
- Student Letters of Appeal. Four letters from students in the summer school program. We don't know if they've passed the final exams yet, these are appeal letters in case they have not. It is the recommendation of the administration that we approve the appeal with an academic contract for the fall semester if they do not pass. Motion to accept the letters of appeal by Larry Andrews, seconded by Nick Crabbs. Motion carried.
- State of Idaho Securing Our Future Grant – 20K. Discussion of safety upgrades we've made prior to this grant. Administration wants to apply this grant for a 3M film that prevents a window from collapsing if it's shot at or bludgeoned. Meridian Tinting is the only installation company in the area, and they've done a



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few other schools. Quote of \$27,027.00 for 200 glass panels in the school. \$20,000 from the grant, and the balance of \$7,027 would be from Lottery or Facilities funds. Motion to approve expenditure of \$27,027; 20,000 of which comes from the state grant, the additional funds from lottery or facilities money by Staci Low, seconded by Larry Andrews. Motion carried.

Video Wall update. The video wall was approved in the June board meeting, installation by Loop Technologies this week. There will be six 86" screens. We have between \$5000 and \$7000 in donations towards the wall. Total bill was under the 25,000 that was authorized.

New Board Member. We need an active parent on our board, we are searching for someone to fill the role. Diane DeSpain no longer has a student at the school, but she is welcome to stay with the board.

Principal's Report

We hired Chelsea Savage to be classified Support.

School is off to a good start, we currently have 199 students enrolled.

Adjournment

The next board meetings will be on September 11, October 16, November 13, and December 18 at 4:00.

We will pay for board members who wish to go to the ISBA Annual Meeting in November.

Motion to adjourn at 4:33 by Diane DeSpain, seconded by Jim Bradbury. Motion carried.