



# Meridian Technical Charter High School

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## MTCHS SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

February 12, 2024

- Date, Place, & Time** An online and in-person meeting of the MTCHS Board of Trustees convened at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, February 12, 2024. The meeting was held at Meridian Technical Charter High School, 3800 N. Locust Grove, Meridian, Idaho.
- Attendance** Chairman Wally Hedrick, Diane DeSpain, Larry Andrews, 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 January 22 Board Meeting. Nick Crabbs moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Larry Andrews. Motion carried.
- Approval of Monthly Financial Statement. Motion to approve payment of the bills by Diane DeSpain, seconded by Larry Andrews. Motion carried.
- Discussion/Action Items** Letters of Intent. Letter from Cheryl Deitchler, the Workbase Learning Coordinator, intends to retire at the end of the school year. Randy Yadon, Administrator/Principal, intends to retire at the end of the school year. Sierra Biggs, one of our math teachers, needs to do a 600-hour counseling internship, and is requesting a contract leave of absence for one year. If there were a math position open for the 2025-26 school year, she would have the option to fill it. However, she does not intend to return to teaching math. We will need to hire her replacement for 2024-25, so the math position will not likely be open. Nick Crabbs motioned to approve the letters of intent, seconded by Larry Andrews. Motion carried.
- Letter from Julie Grainger, our other math teacher, requesting a personal Leave of Absence without pay from September 30 to October 25 of the 2024-25 school year. We would need to get a long-term math sub to cover her classroom. The board agrees without a motion that this is an administrative decision.
- E-Rate Bids: access points and managed internal broadband. Renewing agreements for networking and wireless equipment. Discussion of federal e-rate program. We are looking at replacing the wireless access points, along with the support and networking that needs to be done to install them. Management of the new system is either a one- or three-year bid. We recommend the three-year, as we save \$1000 per year. We did a mini-bid process through OETC as they did a formal bid process similar to the state contract. Year one is roughly \$42,000, year two and three would be about \$5,850, with about \$7,200 coming back from the federal program for the first year, and \$2,500 to \$3,000 the following two years. Motion to approve the three-year program, with the first-



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year cost of \$42,402.55, by Nick Crabbs, seconded by Diane DeSpain. Motion carried.

Hiring process and timeline for the board. Director of Development has been posted for about three weeks and we have had a few applicants. Plans for an interview panel with Wally and Nick if there are promising candidates, hopefully next week. No hard deadline for filling it, but ideally by the beginning of the next school year. Discussion of climatization process for getting familiar with the school.

Discussion of Principal position. Randy created a rough draft of the job description, would like to post the job through West Ada, our website, and ISBA, letting it run for two to three weeks. Discuss interview cycle at next meeting, request staff have a part in it. Randy would be willing to take extra time to help new administrator transition in. Wally would like to have someone chosen by the first week of April.

Discussion of First Right of Refusal with West Ada, concerning the parcels across the Heritage Park Rd. We would have first rights to buy or refuse to buy the property. Motion to approve First Right of Refusal by Larry Andrews, seconded by Nick Crabbs. Motion carried.

### Principal's Report

Lottery Deadline is February 8. We will accept 75. Discussion of lottery demographics.

Brief discussion of charter school legislation, possibility of creating an agreement between schools where students in previous STEM-related programs could have priority in our lottery.

Randy took a student to the Legislative Luncheon, but no legislators were there. Good conversations with the dean of ISU's CTE program.

### Adjournment

The next board meetings will be on March 11, and April 15 at 4:00. Graduation is May 20 at 6:00 pm.

Motion to adjourn at 4:47 by Nick Crabbs, seconded Diane DeSpain. Motion carried.