



# Meridian Technical Charter High School

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## MTCHS SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

July 15, 2024

- Date, Place, & Time** An online and in-person meeting of the MTCHS Board of Trustees convened at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, July 15, 2024. The meeting was held at Meridian Technical Charter High School, 3800 N. Locust Grove, Meridian, Idaho.
- Call to Order** Chairman Wally Hedrick called the regular meeting to order at 4:00.
- Attendance** Chairman Wally Hedrick, Staci Low, Diane DeSpain, Larry Andrews, Jim Bradbury, Nick Crabbs, Administrator Craig Miller, and Beth Richtsmeier attended.
- Consent Agenda** Approval of minutes from the June 10 Board Meeting. Staci Low 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 Jim Bradbury. Motion carried.
- Public Comment** Sign in sequence (New SB1361). There were no public comments.
- Discussion/Action Items**
- Personnel Action** Resignation of Blayne Coleman, who took an administrative position as Dean of Students in Nampa. Motion to accept letter of resignation by Staci Low, seconded by Larry Andrews. Motion carried.
- Personnel Recommendations**
1. Recommend Ernie McGinnis as our new social studies and student council advisor. Discussion of qualifications, category of hire. Motion to approve staff recommendation for hire by Jim Bradbury, seconded by Diane DeSpain. Motion carried.
  2. Recommend Vanessa Leyva to fill classified position as program and student support. Discussion of qualifications. Motion to approve staff recommendation for hire by Nick Crabbs, seconded by Larry Andrews. Motion carried.
- Handbook Update** Discussion of handbook updates to mirror West Ada and state Parental Rights laws. Removing section about student court on staff recommendation as we haven't used that in years. Google G Suites now called Google Workspace. Motion to approve the recommended updates to the 2024-2025 Student Handbook by Staci Low, seconded by Diane DeSpain. Motion carried.
- Adoption of District Salary Schedules** We follow the West Ada Certified Salary Schedule. For most teachers it's a 3.27% increase. No major changes in the benefits. Motion to approve the adoption of the District Salary Schedule by Diane DeSpain, seconded by Larry Andres. Motion carried.
- Discussion of Dual Credit Program with CSI** CSI has dual credit programs for Associate Degrees with some Eastern Idaho charter schools and are



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interested in talking to MTCHS about what they have to offer. Craig and Beth are going to set up a meeting to discuss whether this would fit with the Career Technical Diploma. No motion.

### Principal's Report

Board Policies have been moved into SIMBLI. We'll be cleaning that up and bringing polices to the board every few months so the policies match what we do.

The audit is currently in progress.

Students have reached out to see if the Esports program could do games that are rated M for students 17 and above. We will be looking at that.

We have a small school library in the building with a bunch of books that had been donated to the school. With the new library laws, we went through and removed books that would be more in the adult genre.

SkillsUSA traveled to Nationals and brought home gold in Computer Programming and Web Design.

School starts next month, on August 14.

### Adjournment

Next board meetings will be August 19, September 16, and October 21 at 4:00.

Motion to adjourn at 4:30 by Staci Low, seconded Larry Andrews. Motion carried.