



# Meridian Technical Charter High School

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## MTCHS SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

November 18, 2024

- Date, Place, & Time** An online and in-person meeting of the MTCHS Board of Trustees convened at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, November 18, 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, Tami Hansen, Nick Crabbs, Jim Bradbury, Administrator Craig Miller, Beth Richtsmeier, and Mora Claflin attended.
- Consent Agenda** Approval of minutes from the October 21 Board Meeting. Staci Low moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Diane DeSpain. Motion carried.
- Approval of Monthly Financial Statement. Motion to approve payment of the bills by Larry Andrews, seconded by Staci Low. Motion carried.
- Public Comment** Sign in sequence (New SB1361). There were no public comments.
- Discussion/Action Items** **Disposal of Property** Three laptops, novels and textbooks found in storage. Motion to approve disposal by Larry Andrews, seconded by Diane DeSpain. Motion carried.
- MOU with West Ada** Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) passed the West Ada School Board that would facilitate preferential treatment for Galileo students in the lottery. Discussion of levels of preference, impact on students outside of Galileo's area, and STEM classes other students from other schools might take. Motion to approve by Nick Crabbs, seconded by Larry Andrews. Motion carried.
- Cell Phone and Personal Electronics Devices 502.8 – First Reading** Governor & Superintendent of Public Instruction recommending cell phone policies for schools. I took the draft policy from ISBA to our Government class and they did a great job with feedback. Learning to control cell phone use would be an important job-ready issue. Some students need as monitoring device for things like diabetes. Discussion with board members about other devices and appropriate times for students to have access, liabilities, etc. First discussion with revised draft on December 16; no motion.
- Principal's Report** ISBA Conference. Craig brought back copies of a book about governing a school board, if any want a copy. Nick Crabbs mentioned sitting in a meeting hearing about what other boards deal with, and appreciation for our board members. Mention of potential changes to policies with the upcoming administration change.
- Craig talked to Rich Raimondi of Bishop Kelly High School about capital fundraising and their new building. We need to create a Strategic Planning Committee with members of the board and teachers develop a strategic plan about our direction and focus. Nick and Jim both said they would be interested in helping.



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Discussion of MTCHS Foundation. Rich Raimondi mentioned a foundation that they have for their capital campaign that promises donors that a percentage of their donation would go towards a scholarship foundation and a percentage would go towards building funds. Nick mentioned existing tax benefits that come with donation to a 501(c)(3). Discussion of giving to a foundation vs giving to an institution.

Project Field Trips. Class projects are coming in January and our students will be going to different places in the community.

Tech-X-Perience tonight, with 108 students who have signed up to come. We normally have between 100 - 120 students for this event.

Lottery applications are ahead of where we normally are, however, the lottery date has been moved up to December as per the district's request.

School closed for Thanksgiving Break next week.

### **Adjournment**

Next board meetings will be December 16, and January 13 rather than January 27 as previously planned; at 4:00.

Motion to adjourn at 4:38 by Staci Low, seconded by Larry Andrews. Motion carried.