



# Meridian Technical Charter High School

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## MTCHS SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

December 16, 2024

- Date, Place, & Time** An online and in-person meeting of the MTCHS Board of Trustees convened at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, December 16, 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, Diane DeSpain, Larry Andrews, Tami Hansen, Nick Crabbs, Jim Bradbury, guest Misty Swanson, Administrator Craig Miller, Beth Richtsmeier, and Mora Claflin attended.
- Consent Agenda** Approval of minutes from the November 18 Board Meeting. Diane DeSpain moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Larry Andrews. Motion carried.
- Approval of Monthly Financial Statement. Motion to approve payment of the bills by Larry Andrews, seconded by Nick Crabbs. Motion carried.
- Public Comment** Sign in sequence (New SB1361). There were no public comments.
- Discussion/Action Items** **ISBA Presentation and Info** Misty Swanson, the Executive Director for the Idaho School Board Association, introduced herself to the board and thanked them for all they do. She offered the resources and support of the ISBA, and asked for feedback on what things ISBA can do for the board. Wally Hedrick thanked her for the support the ISBA gives to charter schools. Discussion of the upcoming Day on the Hill with the Senate Education Committee and the House Education Committee. Presentation of an award to Larry Andrews for 20 years of service.
- Cell Phone Policy** New Policy 502.8. Great discussions with students, no major changes to the policy. It covers cell phones and personal electronic devices. Discussion of cell phone lockers, funds from the state once policy is approved. Motion to approve by Nick Crabbs, seconded by Larry Andrews. Motion carried.
- Principal's Report** **Strategic Planning** Craig Miller discussed conversations he's been having with ISBA and various organizations who help with this type of expansion and business development. He's received a proposal from one company and is waiting to hear from the other and hopes to start some meetings towards the end of January.
- Recruiting and Lottery update** Presentation of lottery data. Since we had to move our lottery up from February to December, the numbers are a bit different, but we came out quite well. We had 168 applications and will be accepting 75 students. Lottery drawing will be December 19.
- State CTE Update** Some transitions in Idaho CTE, Joshua Whitworth, who is the Board of Education Executive Director, has been named to lead CTE as intern director.



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Discussion of retention of incoming students; keeping incoming students engaged and excited about coming to MTCHS eight months after the lottery.

### **Adjournment**

Next board meetings will be January 13 and February 24 at 4:00.

Graduation will be on May 9<sup>th</sup> at the Meridian Performing Arts Center.

Motion to adjourn at 4:26 by Larry Andrews, seconded by Diane DeSpain. Motion carried.