



# Meridian Technical Charter High School

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## MTCHS SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES January 13, 2025

- Date, Place, & Time** An online and in-person meeting of the MTCHS Board of Trustees convened at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, January 14, 2025. 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, Staci Low, Administrator Craig Miller, Beth Richtsmeier, and Mora Claflin attended.
- Consent Agenda**  
Approval of minutes from the December 16 Board Meeting. Staci Low moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Jim Bradbury. Motion carried.  
Approval of Monthly Financial Statement. Motion to approve payment of the bills by Nick Crabbs, seconded by Diane DeSpain. Motion carried.
- Public Comment** Sign in sequence (New SB1361). There were no public comments.
- Discussion/Action Items** **Laptop Bids** Each year we request bids for laptop replacement. We need to replace 65. Discussion of laptop requirements and bids. Staff recommendation is to accept the Insight bid. Motion to approve the Insight bid of \$52,895.05 for 55 Lenovo laptops by Nick Crabbs, seconded by Jim Bradbury. Motion carried.
- Principal's Report** **Strategic Planning** Craig Miller invited the board to talk about what expansion would mean to them. Larry Andrews: serves the community, meets a need. Staci Low mentioned that it shouldn't compete with West Ada, rather consider the possibilities of pooling faculty resources, create more of a partnership. Diane DeSpain: there is both a community need, plus the value the school brings in the internship program. She mentioned her husband's company hiring well-qualified interns from MTCHS. Jim Bradbury: expansion means more students could take advantage of everything the school had to offer; upgraded facilities means more opportunities to increase curriculum options. Nick Crabbs: serving more students, discussed the need for more engineering students in the valley, and the possibility of corporate partnerships. It's also important to collect feedback from the industry as things change with AI. Tammy Hanson mentioned the growth in the valley increasing the need for school growth. The technology learned here is applicable in many fields, not just tech. Her kids like the smaller size and community, knowing all their teachers, so keeping the culture is important. Wally Hedrick: it's unfortunate that we have to leave out students who want to be here, applied, but were at the end of the lottery. He would like to explore further the option of an Associate's Degree. In talking to the staff, he hears that they also want to maintain the culture of a small school and personal relationships that exist here. Beth Richtsmeier talked about expansion discussion with the staff and their feedback, which will be shared with the board. We're compiling their ideas, giving some time to add other thoughts, and then we'll start organizing and discussing things with West Ada.



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Brief discussion of West Ada's decision to move Rebound and Virtual School House to Central Academy and absorb those students into Meridan Academy and Eagle Academy. Virtual School House has grown too large for the portables. Possible opportunity to lease the portables.

**PowerSchool Data Breach** This was a nation-wide breach, as well as some schools in Canada. We notified the parents and students, our insurance providers, the State Board of Education and the State Controller's Office. The hackers may have only gotten addresses and phone numbers, we don't know if medical alerts were breached. Additional notifications and next steps will be addressed by PowerSchool.

### Adjournment

Student Day at the Legislature is February 5. Day on the Hill is February 17 & 18. Anyone who wants to go to either, please reach out.  
Next board meetings will be February 24, March 24, April 21, and May 19 at 4:00.  
Graduation will be on May 9<sup>th</sup> at the Meridian Performing Arts Center.  
Motion to adjourn is no longer a requirement, the meeting ended at 4:47.