

# Agenda of Regular Meeting

The Board of Trustees

Meridian Public School District

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A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Meridian Public School District will be held Tuesday, February 20, 2024, beginning at 05:30 PM at West Hills Elementary School, located at 4100 32nd Street.

The subjects to be discussed or considered or upon which any formal action may be taken are as listed below. Items do not have to be taken in the order shown on this meeting agenda.

Unless removed from the consent agenda and placed under discussion/action, items identified within the consent agenda will be acted on at one time with no discussion.

An asterisk (\*) indicates that support information and/or materials have been or will be provided.

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Avery Bolar
3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETINGS: January 18th, 2024\* and January 29, 2024\*
5. RECOGNITION
  - 5.1. Academic Recognition:
    - 5.1.1. Spelling Bee Winners: District and County
    - 5.1.2. Mississippi Alliance of the Arts Award: Alanna Burns
    - 5.1.3. Champion for Change-W.I.N: Brenda Washington
    - 5.1.4. School Status Top Communicators
    - 5.1.5. MPSD Excellence Award for 2023 Accountability Growth
    - 5.1.6. Teacher of the Year
    - 5.1.7. Administrator of the Year
  - 5.2. School Board President: Sally G. Gray
6. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
  - 6.1. Parent Engagement Update: Adrian Cross-Phillips
  - 6.2. West Hills Elementary: Principal Shannon Miller
  - 6.3. District Arts Engagement: District Arts Coordinator Antonio Altman
  - 6.4. Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Update: Director Janet Fortner and Director Steven Shadwick
7. CONSENT
  - 7.1. Recommendation to approve the Three Cheers for Pre-K comprehensive curriculum for the Little Wildcat Academy. Total Cost: \$31,629.00. Funding Source: Title/ESSER (Goal 1)\*
  - 7.2. Recommendation to approve an agreement with Leigha Tate to provide modeling for

teachers for two comprehensive 2-day mathematics reviews to high school students enroll at Ross Collins. Two days of service at \$400 per day. Total Cost: \$400.00. Funding Source: Title/ESSER (Goal 1)\*

7.3. Recommendation to approve acceptance of the Moo Brew dairy optimization grant from the Dairy Alliance to implement a Moo Brew iced coffee program at Meridian High School. Grant Total: \$1,600.00 (Goal 1)\*

7.4. Recommendation to approve two guest speakers, Donna Porter and DJ Batiste for CTE Day at Ross Collins on February 26, 2024. Mrs. Porter and Mr. Batiste are motivational speakers in the area of education and will speak to students about conscious discipline. Total Cost: \$1,000.00. Funding Source: Title/ESSER 3 (Goal1)\*

7.5. Recommendation to approve an agreement with Geneva Jones of Geneva Jones & Associates, PLLC to provide a comprehensive professional development on national legal updates and case law regarding students with disabilities under IDEA and Section 504 on March 8, 2024. Total Cost: \$5,500.00. Funding Source: MSPS SPED Funds (Goal 1)\*

7.6. Recommendation to approve payment to teaching artist Mark Maharrey for services performed at Crestwood Elementary. Mr. Maharrey showcased his "Uke Can Do It" experience along with lesson plan development, professional development and student instruction during a five day residency. Total Cost: \$4,995.00. Funding Source: Any Given Child Meridian (Goal 1)\*

7.7. Recommendation to approve payment to teaching artist Sherry Norfolk for services performed at Crestwood Elementary. Ms. Norfolk showcased her "Hear It! Tell It!" three day storytelling experience to grades KDG - 2nd. Total Cost: \$1,994.00. Funding Source: MAC Grant/Any Given Child Meridian (Goal 1)\*

7.8. Recommendation to approve the 2023- 2024 (FY2025) Impact Aid Application. (Goal 5)\*

7.9. Recommendation to approve rescheduling the regular March board meeting from Tuesday, March 19, 2024 to Monday, March 25, 2024 at 5:30pm. (Goal 1)\*

7.10. Recommendation to approve the 2024 - 2025 MPSD Academic Calendar. (Goal 1)\*

7.11. Recommendation to approve the 2024 - 2025 Budget Timeline. (Goal 5)\*

7.12. Recommendation to approve a grant from the Mississippi Arts Commission to create a mural for the school community at Crestwood Elementary. Grant Total: \$5,000.00. (Goal 1)\*

7.13. Recommendation to approve a grant from the Mississippi Arts Commission for the Mississippi Whole Schools Program at Crestwood Elementary. (Goal 1)\*

7.14. Recommendation to approve the 2024 - 2025 Certified Salary Schedules. (Goal 3)\*

7.15. Recommendation to approve the 2024 - 2025 Classified Salary Schedules. (Goal 3)\*

7.16. Recommendation to approve a new position District Arts Director. (Goal 3)\*

7.17. Recommendation to approve a new position Academic Coach/Interventionist. (Goal 3)\*

7.18. Recommendation to approve job descriptions-Teaching and Learning. (Goal 3)\*

7.19. Recommendation to approve job descriptions-Office of Exceptional Child Education (OECE). (Goal 3)\*

7.20. Recommendation to approve job descriptions-Curriculum. (Goal 3)\*

7.21. Recommendation to approve job descriptions-Federal Programs. (Goal 3)\*

7.22. Recommendation to approve job descriptions-District Administration. (Goal 3)\*

- 7.23. Recommendation to approve Gifts/Donations (Goal 4)\*
- 7.24. Recommendation to approve Overnight Field Trip Requests: (Goal 1)
  - 7.24.1. Ross Collins CTE: State Educators Rising Competition-Clinton, MS from February 22 - 23, 2024.\*
  - 7.24.2. Parkview Elementary School: Chattanooga, TN from May 20 - 21, 2024.\*
  - 7.24.3. Crestwood Elementary School: Atlanta, GA from May 21 - 22, 2024.\*
  - 7.24.4. Meridian High School Band: William Carey University Honor Band-Hattiesburg, MS from February 22 - 24, 2024\*
- 7.25. Recommendation to approve Facility Usage Requests: (Goal 4)\*
- 7.26. Recommendation to approve Fixed Assets Additions/Disposals (Goal 5)\*
- 8. PUBLIC FORUM
- 9. ACTION
  - 9.1. Recommendation to approve the purchase of a district vehicle for the Food Services Department. One (1) 2020 Dodge Ram Pro Master 3500 Box Truck with Tommy Lift. Total Cost: \$48,419.26. Funding Source: District (Goal 2)\*
  - 9.2. Recommendation to accept the highest bid for one parcel of Sixteenth Section Hunting and Fishing Lease property. (Goal 5)\*
  - 9.3. Recommendation to approve additional renovations to the MHS Weight Room. The vendor has determined a need to sand the concrete flooring to remove old paint and level the floor for optimal performance. Total Cost: \$9,200.00. Funding Source: District (Goal 2)\*
  - 9.4. Recommendation to approve change order #3 for the current Ross Collins roofing project. This change order reduces the project sum by \$232,347.80. A temporary roof coating has been applied. Change order will allow closeout of the current project. (Goal 2)\*
  - 9.5. Recommendation to approve the 2023 - 2024 Amended Budget (1). (Goal 5)\*
  - 9.6. Recommendation to approve Financial reports (Budget Status Statement, Revenue and Expenditure reports, Fund Balance Analysis, Certification of Bank Reconciliations, and Cash Flow report) (Goal 5)\*
  - 9.7. Recommendation to approve Cash Disbursement reports (Goal 5)\*
  - 9.8. Recommendation to approve the Activity Funds Report (Goal 5)\*
  - 9.9. Recommendation to approve the Hiring for all Employees (temporary and full-time) (Goal 3)\*
- 10. NEW BUSINESS: Reminders
  - 10.1. Statement of Economic Interest (Due May 1, 2024)
  - 10.2. School Board Visitation Forms (Due June 30, 2024)
  - 10.3. School Board Member Training Hours: (Due June 30, 2024)
- 11. CONSIDERATION OF AN EXECUTIVE SESSION
  - 11.1. Student Discipline\*
  - 11.2. School Board Attorney Evaluation
  - 11.3. Superintendent Evaluation
- 12. DISTRICT REPORTS
  - 12.1. Monthly School Report\*

12.2. Monthly Discipline Report\*

12.3. Monthly Attendance Report\*

12.4. Sixteenth (16th) Section Report\*

12.5. Booster/PTO Funds Quarterly Report\*

13. INFORMATION

13.1. The next Regular Board of Trustees meeting will be held on March 25, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. at Meridian High School, located at 2320 32nd Street.

14. ADJOURNMENT