Meridian School  
November 7, 2019  

Public Meeting – Title I Plans for 2019-2020  
5:30 pm  

**Board Minutes**  

Board Meeting  
5:00  

Public Hearing  
6:30  
Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST)  

**Board Meeting**  

Order of Business  
The Board intends to give citizens an opportunity to participate in the discussion of public business that is being considered and decided by the Board. In order to provide full information and the right of participation to the public, the following is the order of business for regular Board meetings. The presiding officer with the consensus of members present may change the order of business. Those interested in addressing the board should sign-in at the beginning of the meeting. Comments are limited to three minutes per person.  

Announcement by the chairperson as to the presence of a quorum and that the meeting has been duly called, and the notice of the meeting has been posted for time and in the manner required by law.  

*Board Members present were Ann Wink, President; Joe Stippick, Secretary; Sofia O’Malley, Tadd Phillips and Robert Smith. Staff present were Rick Fernández, Head of School and Karalei Nunn, Chief Operating Officer.*  

1. Call to the order/Pledge of Allegiance  

2. Executive Session – Personnel Matters – Head of School Review  

*Motion made by Joe Stippick to go into Executive Session to discuss the Head of School Review. Sofia O’Malley seconded. Approved unanimously.*
Executive Session began at 5:01 pm

Executive Session concluded at 6:14 pm.

Motion made by Joe Stippick to exit from Executive Session to discuss the Head of School Review. Sofia O’Malley seconded. Approved unanimously.

Motion made by Tadd Phillips to authorize the Board President to enter into a three-year contract with Rick Fernandez, Head of School, consistent with the terms discussed in executive session including a salary of $136,000. Seconded by Joe Stippick. Approved unanimously.

Staff joined were Charles Ryder, Principal of High School; Melina Berduo, Principal of Middle School; and Shannon Haulotte, Principal of Primary School.

3. Comment (This time will be limited to 20 minutes at a maximum of 3 minutes per speaker. All speakers must sign-up prior to speaking.)

There were no comments.

4. Acknowledgement and Disposition of Communication Addressed to the Board.

5. Meridian Moment – Rick Fernández, Head of School

Rick Fernández proudly acknowledged the following accomplishments our teachers earned: Clarissa Lopez, Educator Music Award Quarter Finalist; Rachelle Cameron, Humanities of Texas Award; Eileen Roybal, Humanities of Texas Commended Teacher; and Zoe Rothenberger, Knowles Fellowship Award.

Consent Agenda – Ann Wink, Board President

A. Review of previous minutes – August 29, 2019 (attachment)
B. Enrollment Report (attachment)
C. EL (English Learners) Snapshot (attachment)
D. 4th QTR Financials 2018-2019 (attachment)
E. Policy updates Student Handbook – Addition of the ‘Right to Information’ Assurance for the SpEd Legal Framework (attachment)

Suggested Motion: Approve Consent Agenda as presented.

Motion made by Joe Stippick to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Sofia O’Malley seconded. Approved unanimously.

6:30 PUBLIC HEARING

Public Hearing began at 6:34 pm.

Public Hearing – FIRST (Financial Integrity Rating of Texas).

The Texas Education Agency requires school districts to announce and hold a public meeting to distribute a financial management report that explains the district’s performance under each of the
indicators and the district’s rating. Meridian received a Superior Achievement rating and a score of 100. – Karalei Nunn, COO for Eileen Kuhn, CFO

Public Hearing concluded at 6:45 pm.

7. Review and possible approval of the 2020 – 2021 Calendar – Rick Fernández, Head of School

See Attached.

Suggested Motion: To approve authorizing the Head of School to request a waiver of 2100 minutes of instructional time for 2100 minutes of professional development time in the 2020-2021 school calendar from the Texas Education Agency making the required yearly, instructional minutes 73,500 instead of 75,600 minutes.

Motion made by Robert Smith to approve authorizing the Head of School to request a waiver of 2100 minutes of instructional time for 2100 minutes of professional development time in the 2020-2021 school calendar from the Texas Education Agency making the required yearly, instructional minutes 73,500 instead of 75,600 minutes. Joe Stippick seconded. Approved unanimously.

Suggested Motion: To approve the 2020-2021 school calendar, totaling 74,375 minutes, as attached with the following critical dates: School Start: August 10, 2020, ending May 26, 2021. Fall break is October 12-16. Winter break is December 21, 2020 – January 4, 2021. Spring break is March 15-19, 2021. The 74,375 minutes calendar contains an additional 840 minutes to allow for two bad weather days if necessary.

Motion made by Joe Stippick to approve the 2020-2021 school calendar, totaling 74,375 minutes, as attached with the following critical dates: School Start: August 10, 2020, ending May 26, 2021. Fall break is October 12-16. Winter break is December 21, 2020 – January 4, 2021. Spring break is March 15-19, 2021. The 74,375 minutes calendar contains an additional 840 minutes to allow for two bad weather days if necessary. Robert Smith seconded. Approved unanimously.

8. Review and possible approval of the continuous Campus Improvement Plan (CIP). Karalei Nunn, COO and Paige Bender, Compliance and Testing Coordinator.

See attached.

Suggested Motion: To approve the 2019-2020 Meridian Campus Improvement Plan.

Motion made by Joe Stippick to approve the 2019-2020 Meridian Campus Improvement Plan. Seconded by Sofia O’Malley. Approved unanimously.

Board Meeting adjourned at 7:54 pm.

End of Agenda

Review of training requirements and opportunities: Karalei Nunn, Founder and COO

Returning Board Members: 6 hours.

On demand training now available: https://txcharterschools.inreachce.com/Search?category=08fe865e-0403-4a2b-ae68-845ddae7e95
Future Meetings:
January 23, 2020

Board Members & Terms
Ann Wink – President 2022
Paul Emerson - Vice-President 2020
Joe Stippick – Secretary 2020
Bhavani Parpia - 2020
Sofia O’Malley – 2021
Tadd Phillips – 2021
Robert Smith - 2021

November
Notable Dates/Activities
Thanksgiving Break (11/25-11/29)

December
Notable Dates/Activities
Winter Break - Students - 12.20 - 01.06
Winter Break – Teachers – 12.21 - 01.05

Notable Dates/Activities
School Begins 01.07
Homecoming Week – 01.13 – 01.17
Alumni Recognition – 01.07
Student Applications for 2021 open January 1
Audit submitted to State by Auditor by January 31