

Agenda of Regular Meeting

The Board of Trustees Meridian Public Schools

A Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Meridian Public Schools will be held September 15, 2014, beginning at 5:30 PM at MHS Multi-Purpose Building, located at 2320 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 notice.

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.

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING - August 18, 2014;
September 9, 2014***

5. RECOGNITION

5. 1. Teachers with Perfect Attendance for Two (2) Consecutive Years.

6. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

6. 1. West Hills Elementary Update
Presenter: Candi Robertson
6. 2. Mississippi Department of Education (MDE) Update
Presenter: Robin Miles
6. 3. Dropout/Graduation Rate Update
Presenter: Dr. Amy Carter
6. 4. Jobs for Mississippi Graduates Program
Presenter: Ramona Seabron-Williams

7. CONSENT

7. 1. Approval of Donations/Gifts: **1)** Northwest to receive a check in the amount of \$3,000 from Mississippi Power Foundation (Alan R. Barton "Excellence in Teaching" Award). The gift is awarded to six (6) classroom teachers a year to use in their classrooms; **2)** Carver to receive from Mississippi State University, two (2) Dell laptops valued at \$3,100, Three (3) Document cameras valued at \$2,990; and, two (2) Projectors valued at \$1,000 for Alternate Route Teacher Technology for Classroom.*

7. 2. Approval of Overnight Field Trips: **1)** MHS Chorus to MSU-Starkville, September 14-15, 2014; **2)** MHS Chorus to USM-Hattiesburg, September 29-30, 2014; **3)** MHS Visual and Performing Arts (VAPA) will perform at Disney in Orlando, FL, March 11-15, 2015.*
7. 3. Approval of Fee Schedule for the T.K. Martin Center at MSU. The T.K. Martin Center for Technology and Disability provides specialized evaluations regarding assistive technology, alternative communication, adaptive services, etc for persons with disabilities. Cost of services: Evaluation conducted at the Center \$185 per hour, Evaluation conducted off-site \$175 per hour, Travel to off-site evaluation \$55 per hour. Funded by Sped.*
7. 4. Approval of an agreement between MPSD and University of Phoenix which allows the placement of student teachers from the University of Phoenix.*
7. 5. Approval of Proposal of Services from the DuBard Institute. The DuBard School for Language at USM proposes to provide support for educators in MPSD who are providing services to students with dyslexia and other reading disabilities. Total cost of services up to \$10,000. Funded by District and Grant funds.*
7. 6. Approval of Proposal of Services with Lisa Wester for Gifted Testing. Services to provide gifted testing to 1st grade students identified as meeting preliminary gifted criteria from teacher and parent referrals. Total cost \$14,440.80. Funded by District.*
7. 7. Approval of Uninsured Motorist Insurance which requires a District signature for declining Uninsured Motorist Insurance.*
7. 8. Approval to remove items from the Fixed Asset Inventory Master File valued at \$842.34; and, add items to the Fixed Asset Inventory Master File with a value amount of \$223,401.98.*

8. PUBLIC FORUM

9. ACTION

9. 1. Approval of 2nd Reading - Policy ICHI Literacy Based Promotion. Requirements upon school districts in terms of the identification of students with reading deficiencies and the provision of interventions for identified students. It also prohibits the promotion of third grade students who have not passed the third grade literacy assessment.*
9. 2. Approval of Jobs for Mississippi Graduates Program (MOU) to provide a job specialist to serve high school students in danger of dropping out of school. The program provides mentorship, tutoring, employment skills, parental involvement, and engagement from our business community to assist with helping our students seek careers and college readiness. Funding Source: No financial obligation to the District.*
9. 3. Approval of Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Final Budget*
9. 4. Approval of Activity Funds Report - August 2014*
9. 5. Approval of Financial Statement - August 2014*

9. 6. Approval of Hiring for all Employees (temporary and full-time)*

10. OLD BUSINESS

11. NEW BUSINESS

11. 1. Request to Address the Board - (NAACP)*

11. 2. Superintendent's Evaluation (Executive Session)

12. STUDENT PERSONNEL MATTERS

12. 1. Student Discipline (Executive Session)*

12. 2. Student Transfer*

12. 3. Monthly Discipline Report - August (FYI)*

13. INFORMATION

13. 1. The next Regular Board of Trustees meeting will be held Monday, October 20, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. in the MHS Multi-Purpose Building, located at 2320 32nd Street.

14. ADJOURNMENT