



# Meridian Technical Charter High School

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## MTCHS SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

April 21, 2025

<b>Date, Place, &amp; Time</b>	An online and in-person meeting of the MTCHS Board of Trustees convened at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, April 21, 2025. The meeting was held at Meridian Technical Charter High School, 3800 N. Locust Grove, Meridian, Idaho.
<b>Call to Order</b>	Chairman Wally Hedrick called the regular meeting to order at 4:00.
<b>Attendance</b>	Chairman Wally Hedrick, Diane DeSpain, Larry Andrews, Tami Hansen, Nick Crabbs, guest Emily Misner, Administrator Craig Miller, Beth Richtsmeier, and Mora Claflin attended.
<b>Consent Agenda</b>	<p><b>Approval of minutes from the March 21 Board Meeting.</b> Larry Andrews moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Diane DeSpain. Motion carried.</p> <p><b>Approval of Monthly Financial Statement.</b> Motion to approve payment of the bills by Larry Andrews, seconded by Nick Crabbs. Motion carried.</p>
<b>Public Comment</b>	Sign in sequence (New SB1361). There were no public comments.
<b>Discussion/Action Items</b>	<p><b>Annual Meeting/Appointment of Board Members</b> Motion to reappoint Larry Andrews, Jim Bradbury, Diane DeSpain, and Tami Hansen for a two-year term by Nick Crabbs, seconded by Diane DeSpain. Motion carried.</p> <p><b>Approve New Counselor</b> Introduction of Emily Misner. Emily shared a bit about her background in education and a few personal details. Brief discussion of transition with retiring counselor, Mary Helen Green. Motion to hire Emily Misner as recommended by the administration by Larry Andrews, seconded by Nick Crabbs. Motion carried.</p> <p><b>Teacher Resignation, Restructure Position</b> Ernie McGinnis is resigning as History/American Government instructor. Administration would like to restructure/reorganize position. If we move Government and History to an IDLA class, it would give students the opportunity for dual credit in those classes. We would hire a biology/health teacher and do those classes in person. During discussion, Nick Crabbs said he preferred History and Government to have in-person instruction because the back and forth exchange is important. Discussion of how that position might return as we grow as a school. Motion to accept the resignation of Ernie McGinnis by Diane Despain, seconded by Larry Andrews. Motion carried. Motion to approve restructure, switching Health and Biology to in-person, and History and American Government to online by Larry Andrews, seconded by Tami Hansen. Nick Crabbs was the only “no” vote, motion carried.</p> <p><b>Camera Purchase</b> Request to purchase five cameras for our Media Arts program using CTE money. Prices from three sources with staff recommendation to purchase at best price from Amazon. Motion to purchase cameras for \$12,989.95 by Larry Andrews, seconded by Diane DeSpain. Motion carried.</p>



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**SkillsUSA National Travel** We will have fifteen competitors in nine contests and four who are state officers going to the SkillsUSA National Conference in Atlanta, Georgia in June. Estimate of cost per student is \$1585 and just over \$3000 for each advisor. Motion to approve SkillsUSA travel by Nick Crabbs, seconded by Larry Andrews. Motion carried.

**Security Cameras Bid** Update/replace old cameras in the building, eliminate blind spots, with money coming from the State Building Fund which is to be spent on building improvements. Ednetics bid for \$26,256.67, but we would like to add vape sensors in the restrooms, which would be around \$1000 each. Motion to approve the expenditure of up to \$30,000 for replacement security cameras by Diane DeSpain, seconded by Larry Andrews. Motion carried.

### Principal's Report

**Charter Administrator Evaluation Information** Discussion of Staff Survey highlights. Discussion of Craig's goals, and his evaluation that will be sent to board members to fill out.

**Celebration** Craig had a list of things we should be proud of as a school: Discussion of our state report card; we met our state goals and targets, well above most schools. Graduation rates, "Go on Idaho" rates are very high, giving credit to the teachers and the kind of school we are. Also a number of our students go into careers without further education.

One of our SkillsUSA Advisors, Nathan Bushard, was selected as Idaho Advisor of the Year.

Discussion of gold medal winners at the SkillsUSA State Conference, some of whom are freshmen!

Entrepreneurship teams won big at the BSU Entrepreneur Competition. Discussion of their ideas.

On May 15, we'll have an Alumni Mixer/Retirement Party for Mary Helen Green.

Business Networking Breakfast/Junior Internship Fair on April 23 for our community partners.

### Adjournment

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

Next board meetings will be May 19, June 9, which will be our Annual Budget Meeting, and August 18, all at 4:00 pm. We'll discuss a July meeting.

Meeting closed at 4:37