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MTCHS SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

June 9, 2025

- Date, Place, & Time** An online and in-person meeting of the MTCHS Board of Trustees convened at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, June 9, 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, Jim Bradbury, Nick Crabbs, guest Zach Wagner, Charter Administrator Craig Miller, Beth Richtsmeier, and Mora Clafin attended.
- Consent Agenda**
Approval of minutes from the May 19 Board Meeting Staci Low moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Diane DeSpain. Motion carried.
Approval of Monthly Financial Statement Motion to approve payment of the bills by Jim Bradbury, seconded by Larry Andrews. Motion carried.
- Public Comment** Sign in sequence (New SB1361). There were no public comments.
- Discussion/Action Items**
Student Handbook Discussion of updates to the Student Handbook, aligning with the West Ada handbook and Idaho requirements. Discussion of Digital Literacy, homework guidelines, honors courses, and AI learning, which is not to be used unless their teacher says they should, student behavior management, and bus badges. Update that sophomores may leave campus at lunch, but only if a note from parents is filed with the building administration. Board suggested wording changes for clarity. Motion to approve handbook changes with wording change by Diane DeSpain, seconded by Nick Crabbs. Motion carried.
Administrative and Classified Salary Schedule Discussion of West Ada Salary Schedule at a three to five percent increase. Motion to approve the 2025-2026 West Ada Administrative and Classified Salary Schedule by Jim Bradbury, seconded by Larry Andrews. Motion carried.
Cybersecurity Service We had a ransomware attack in March and are seeing a more sophisticated cyber landscape in terms of hacking and getting into things. Nick recommended the Shadowscape group; discussion of their service proposal. Beth would like to see what they can accomplish with three months, possibly ask for more time after that. Motion to approve the first three months, spending up to \$10,000 for Shadowscape to deal with our ransomware problems by Jim Bradford, seconded by Diane DeSpain. Motion carried.
- Charter Admin Report** Spring ISATS. Juniors took the ISATs, their scores look great, even better than last year's numbers.
- Budget Meeting** Wally Hedrick called the Budget Meeting to order at 4:30.



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Summary Statement for the 2024-2025 School Budget presented; Zach Wagner and Beth Richtsmeier showed prior years and adjustments to last year's budget. Motion to approve the Revised 2024-2025 Budget Jim Bradbury, Larry Andrews seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Discussion of 2025-2026 Proposed Budget. Discussion of Proposed Revenue, Proposed Expenses, fund balance. Motion to approve Proposed Budget by Larry Andrews, seconded by Diane DeSpain. Motion carried.
Wally Hedrick adjourned the Budget Hearing at 4:38.

Admin Report *(continued)*

Clearwater Financial interviewing board members and interviewing for a group of external stakeholders for a small advisory group.
Discussion of camera quote and vape sensors, hopefully to be installed over the summer.
SkillsUSA Nationals coming in a few weeks.

Adjournment

No July board meeting; the next ones will be August 18, September 15, and October 20 at 4:00 pm.

Meeting closed at 4:40