

Meridian Elementary School
15898 Central Street
Meridian, CA 95757

Regular Board Minutes
Thursday, March 12, 2026
5:30 p.m.
Board Minutes

1. Call to order and Establishment of a Quorum:

Meeting started at 5:30 p.m. by Board President Mrs. Davis

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Mrs. Suezana Davis	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Mr. Rob Jones	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Mr. Andy Long	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>

2. Pledge: Mr. Jones

3. COMMUNITY RECOGNITION: Enedina Ruelas

Mr. Meyer presented Enedina Ruelas (Ms. Nedy) with a plaque of service for her 25 years at Meridian Elementary School.

4. Emergency Agenda Items: None

5. Approval of REGULAR BOARD MINUTES February 5, 2026:

Motioned by Mr. Long Second by Mr. Jones
Motion Carried 3-0

6. Approval of SPECIAL BOARD MINUTES February 26, 2026:

Motioned by Mr. Jones Second by Mr. Long
Motion Carried 3-0

7. Information/Discussion Items:

Mr. Meyer informed the board that staff were the first to notice black areas in our classrooms. We first called Sutter County for direction and were told to have our maintenance person clean with bleach and professional cleaner. We cleaned and nothing came back. Mr. Meyer contacted Clear-Tech and had our classrooms tested and the results where no problematic air spores were found. Mr. Meyer sent an electric letter to parents with this information.

Mr. Meyer gave an update on the doors at the school, that we are waiting for Eagle Security to come and give us a quote. Mr. Meyer stated that the cost will be around \$15,000.

Mrs. Davis asked Mr. Meyer with the roughly 1.3 million requested for Modernization, do you have a spreadsheet of where the money is being spent? Mr. Meyer responded yes, of course.
Mr. Long asked Mr. Meyer if he could provide the spreadsheet for us at the next meeting.

8. Superintendent Report: Chris Meyer

Second Trimester ended and we celebrated our Perfect Attendance, Honor Roll and Principal Honor Roll.

Field Trips – We have been spending our classes on field trips, our 5/6th & 7/8th classes went to the Crocker Art Museum, and our Kindergarten class will be headed to Chico State to attend a play. We want to offer the same opportunities as other schools. Our teacher Ms. Dheri will be taking our 7/8th grade girls to UC Merced for a STEM Conference.

Math adoption – We don't have to adopt next year. We have Go Math that was great 10 years ago. We will pilot two math programs, one in the 1st trimester and one in the 2nd trimester next school year.

9. Public Comments:

PUBLIC COMMENTS: A person wishing to be heard by the Board shall first be recognized by the president and shall then proceed to comment as briefly as the subject, and time limit, permits. Individual speakers shall be allowed two (2) minutes to address the Board on each agenda item or non-agenda item. The Board shall limit the total time for public input on each item for two minutes. With Board consent, the president may increase or decrease the time allowed for public presentation, depending on the topic and the number of persons wishing to be heard. The president may take a poll of speakers for or against a particular issue and may ask that additional persons speak only if they have something new to add. Time will be extended for any speaker who uses an interpreter. Also, to remind the public to please be aware that public comments, including your name, become part of the public record."

Ms. Brooke Plant, third year teacher here at Meridian Elementary School. Stated she doesn't like to air out her dirty laundry, and she respects Administration and the board, but the board has made it clear to come here. Ms. Plant read a letter to the board regarding unfair treatment and lack of support from the school Administrator. That she is questioning if she will continue to teach at Meridian Elementary School.

Mrs. Deserae Zuber, second year para-educator, stated she submitted her letter of resignation. Mrs. Zuber stated her oldest son graduated last year from Meridian Elementary School and currently her two younger children attend. Unfortunately, her family will not be returning next year.

Cyndie Reynolds, parent stated her son started kindergarten here with Ms. Nedy and now he is in the 5th grade with Mr. Zuber. Her son is on a 504 Plan and communication between Administration to teacher to parent needs work. Without clear communication, teachers struggle to help the students, and her student doesn't want to come to school, and this is all frustrating for families.

Richard Bryant, parent stated that a couple of weeks ago they spent the weekend in ICU with their son fighting to breathe. Mr. Bryant came into the school and spoke with Mr. Meyer requesting any reports on mold testing and when filters were cleaned. Mr. Meyer stated he would speak to the school maintenance man and have him write something up. Mr. Bryant stated that it doesn't make sense and if certain people remain where they are we will be leaving and it takes just one person to screw it up.

Mrs. Davis responded that the school did do its due diligence because of calls made to the county office and this third party came out and inspected. Mrs. Davis believes it's the environment not the school causing these problems.

Mr. Bryant stated he needs a report with numbers on it to give to the doctors at UC DAVIS.

Mrs. Davis gave her copy of the mold report to Mrs. Bryant.

Vicki Johnson, parent stated she had three children go here but now it's only one and she is so disappointed in all the staff for not taking her up on her offer to mediate between staff and Principal Mr. Meyer. The students are being affected by the negativity here on the campus and students are hearing staff speak poorly of each other and this school and it needs to stop, because everyone is replaceable.

Yelena Storojenko, parent stated that her son is in kindergarten and is a newcomer to this country and culture. He doesn't speak English and for the first three months she stayed with him half days to help in translation and learning the school setting, after that she stopped attending. I was told he was acting out and he had behavior issues. First, I talked to his teacher and within two days I received papers for counseling and a psychologist. I saw Ms. Plant in the office and spoke with her about the situation, and she said she would observe him and she did and she thought he was overwhelmed. Some steps have been taken but more need to happen for my son to learn English. By law schools have to provide EL or ELS programs. Mrs. Tresler helps my son two times a week for 10mins. I don't know if Mrs. Tresler has the correct learning to help my son.

Mrs. Davis stated we will have Mr. Meyer look into this.

10. Warrants:

Approval of Warrants: Batches 016439, 016466, 016517, 0186539, 016594, 016617, 016655

Motioned by Mr. Long Second by Mrs. Davis
Motion Carried 3-0

Mrs. Davis questioned the laptop for the Superintendent.

Mr. Meyer stated he couldn't connect to the Wifi and his laptop is six years old after speaking with tech they suggested he get a new one.

Mrs. Davis questioned the invoice regarding the school website.

Mr. Meyer stated that the invoice is annually and we are really happy with the site.

Mrs. Davis questioned the cost of a Projector Lamp for \$1,600.

Mr. Meyer stated that the cost is expensive, but we have the money to spend.

11. Approval of Meridian Elementary School Calendar for the school year 2026-2027

Motioned by Mr. Jones Second by Mr. Long

Motion Carried 3-0

Mr. Long asked if the calendar can be sent out in color to the parents.

Mr. Meyer stated yes, we will make a note about it for next year.

Mrs. Davis stated she wants it to be known that we do our best to support Mr. Meyer, the staff and students. I have only lived here 10 years, but I do believe that Mr. Meyer and the staff care for the students. If you have a problem with Mr. Meyer call him, go by and speak with him.

12. Approval of the Second Interim Report for 2025-2026

Motioned by Mr. Jones Second by Mrs. Davis

Motion Carried 3-0

13. Approval of Auditor Engagement Letter for 2025-2026 fiscal year

Motion by Mr. Long Second by Mr. Jones

Motion Carried 3-0

14. Closed Session: Disclosure of Items to Be Discussed

Pursuant to Gov. Code #53956 and #54957 and Ed Code #35146 the Board may recess to closed session for one of the following: Personnel, Negotiations, Pending Litigation, or Student Concerns.

- Government Code section 54957; Public Employee Employment

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 6:50 pm

15. Recall to Order at 7:25pm:

16. Reporting Out of Closed Session:

By a vote of 3 to 0, the Board approved in closed session to accept the resignation of three employees, ID numbers 180410, 180397 and 180398.

17. Adjournment:

Motion by Mr. Long Second by Mr. Jones

The meeting was adjourned at 7:26pm

Suezana Davis, President

Rob Jones, Board Member

Andy Long, Board Member

Chris Meyer, Principal/Superintendent

Date