

Meridian Elementary School  
15898 Central Street  
Meridian, CA 95757

Regular Board Minutes  
Thursday, February 5, 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. Long
3. COMMUNITY RECOGNITION: None
4. Emergency Agenda Items: None
5. Approval of REGULAR BOARD MINUTES January 8, 2026:

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

6. Information/Discussion Items:

Mr. Meyer discussed the need for a District truck and trailer. Mr. Meyer explained that Mr. Rickett has been using his own personal vehicle and trailer for the last seven years. *Mrs. Davis asked if other districts use a truck and trailer. Christina Martinez stated that Meridian Elementary School District has never purchased these items before. Mr. Long stated that we have parents and community members willing to help us out. Mr. Jones asked if an option would be to look into used vehicles and maybe attending an auction. Mrs. Davis asked if we could rent one for a day use. Mr. Meyer stated that he doesn't believe we could rent one for a day and will research it.*

Mr. Meyer discussed VOIP internet based phone system. The district has wanted to move away from landline as squirrels are constantly chewing through the cords. Mr. Meyer has checked with Gaynor Telesystems Inc. and would like to move forward. *Christina Martinez stated that Johana from ERATE suggested we still have a landline and that Gaynor is a good company to work with. Mrs. Davis asked who is the current internet carrier? Christina Martinez reported AT&T. Mrs. Davis stated that Starlink is a company that is coming out with something*

*very similar. Mr. Jones stated he has Starlink and its solid, never loses signal. Mrs. Davis asked Mr. Meyer if he had checked with other companies, he stated no he has not. Mrs. Davis asked Mr. Meyer to get three quotes and bring them to the next meeting.*

Update on the front doors of the school, Mr. Meyer brought two quotes from Gaynor Telesystems Inc. Mr. Meyer has reached out to Verkada and has not heard back. Mr. Meyer called Eagle Security and received no response. *Mrs. Davis liked the option from Gaynor but would still like to see the other two quotes.*

The Consolidated Application is used to pay teachers salaries. No questions were asked.

*Mr. Long asked why the School Transportation Service Plan only states students from TK – 6 when we are a school that goes to 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Mr. Meyer stated that the language comes from the state and we can't change it.*

*Mr. Jones asked if about 24 students were riding the bus, Mr. Meyer confirmed that.*

Stipen Update – Mr. Meyer brought to the board a stipen proposal for a person that is acting as a Intervention/Support staff member mostly assisting in Math. LCAP scores last year were down in Math and with her help we hope to bring them up.

*Mrs. Davis asked what is this person currently doing now?*

*Christina Martinez asked that she started in September as a volunteer, helping students primarily in Math, in November Mr. Meyer hired her to monitor the ELD students on their chromebooks twice a week.*

*Mrs. Davis asked how many students does she oversee?*

*Christina Martinez response 8 students, and she can sub through the county as a teacher or a paraeducator.*

*Mr. Long stated we are paying her two times to be here, and you want to give her a bonus? Can students go to intervention after school?*

*Mr. Meyer reported that Mr. Zuber receives a stipen to by the Intervention Specialist and holds intervention after school four days a week.*

*Mrs. Davis stated she is not for this.*

## 7. Superintendent Report: Chris Meyer

Mr. Meyer informed the board members that we sent three students and two alternates to the County Spelling Bee. Thank you to Ms. Plant for taking charge of this event.

Our school talent show will be Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup>. We had a talent show last year and the students really wanted to have another show this year.

Mr. Meyer handed out Mid-Year LCAP Update February 2026 which was not listed on the agenda. Mr. Meyer shared that the Parent Advisory Committee goes over this information and they have meet multiple times.

Mr. Meyer stated that our parent involvement went up this year and the staff has every Wednesday for personal development. All students receive tutoring or intervention. We are looking at politing a new math program next year.

Mr. Long asked why is the breakdown categories by race.

Mr. Meyer stated the state request this information from all schools in all districts.

Mr. Long asked why under Goal #2 item 10 do students not feel safe at school and 50% of the staff. Mr. Meyer stated he will address this with his staff and bring it to Site Council too.

Mr. Long brought it to the attention of Mr. Meyer that listed under Item 2.2 Parent Engagement that almost everything listed is done by the Parents Club.

Mrs. Davis asked why is the school holding different meetings for Hispanic parents? Mrs. Davis stated she believes we are excluding families by having different meetings/events and we should hold one event and have a translator there.

Mr. Meyer stated we could do that but it will take longer time having a translator there.

#### 8. 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 permits. Individual speakers shall be allowed five minutes to address the Board on each agenda or non-agenda item. 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.

Brooke Plant, On behalf of Bobbie Dunn I would like to say that I don't think her hours she is being paid is much. She pulls students out of my classroom daily to work with them and prepare them for state testing. She needs some sort of recognition as she is a positive impact and is invaluable.

Vickie Johnson, If our test scores go up and we want them to then her volunteering is working. She is a nice lady and the kids listen to her. She benefits our school.

Caitlyn Bryant, Mr. Meyer is still pulling students into his office and not telling parents. Our daughter was pulled in and she feels like it is a hostile working environment at school. Our son and daughter do not feel comfortable around their principal, he creeps them out.

#### 9. Warrants:

Approval of Warrants: Batches 016240, 016268, 016300, 016328, 016345, 016385, 016404

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

*Mr. Jones asked why the bus was towed for \$1,000?*

*Mr. Meyer reported that the brakes went out do to a crack in the line.*

*Mr. Long asked what/who is Vincent – Signs?*

*Mr. Meyer reported that we have received the two signs that will replace the current ones on the Highway.*

*Mr. Jones asked what happened/how did a staff members laptop get damaged?*

*Mr. Meyer reported that a student broke the laptop.*

*Mr. Jones stated the student needs to be held accountable.*

#### 10. Approval of School Safety Plan

*Mr. Meyer reported to the board that we will need to hold a Special Meeting because the School Site Council hasn't meet yet.*

*Mrs. Davis asked if the Site Council has to approve it before the Board does?*

*Mr. Meyer stated that the Site Council has to review it does not approve it before the Board. Mr. Meyer asked if the last week in February would work. Mr. Jones said he is good on any day.*

Motioned to postpone Approval of School Safety Plan  
by Mr. Long Second by Mr. Jones  
Motion Carried 3-0

#### 11. Approval of the Annual Audit Report for the School Year 2024-2025

*Mr. Jones stated on page 72 Section 2 there is a finding regarding ASB what is this?*

*Mrs. Davis asked who oversees ASB.*

*Mr. Meyer I oversee it and have final say so.*

*Christina Martinez explained that last year Meridian Elementary School was running the snack bar at the little league field and there was no inventory of supplies and Mr. Meyer would buy items all the time and things got out of hand.*

*Mr. Jones also asked if the 700 forms were turned in late his school year and was told No, the forms for 2024/25 year were turned in late.*

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

#### 12. Approval of California Form 700

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

13. 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.
1. Staff Concerns
  2. Review and approve UPC Complaint
  3. Review of the Complaint Policy Procedures

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 6:44pm

13. Recall to Order at 7:51pm:  
No action was taken

14. Reporting Out of Closed Session:  
The board will write a decision based on discussion and determination by Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>.

15. Adjournment:  
Motion by Mr. Long            Second by Mr. Jones  
The meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm

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Suezana Davis, President

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Rob Jones, Board Member

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Andy Long, Board Member

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Chris Meyer, Principal/Superintendent

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Date