MERIDIAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF TRUSTEES — REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 8, 2026 | 5:30 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The regular meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM.

2. FLAG SALUTE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Jones.

3. Roll Call:

Susanna Davis, President; Rob Jones, Clerk. Absent: Andy Long, Member.

Others in attendance: Christopher Meyer, Jennifer Wall, Debbie Downs, Bobbie Dunn, and Lori Anne Summers.

4. Presentations/Recognitions: None

5. Action Item: Emergency Agenda Addition-none

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Debbie Downs raised questions regarding playground improvements and requested that the district bus driver slow down. Superintendent Meyer discussed the district's ongoing modernization planning, including potential playground improvements, building doors and windows, and the need for donations and community partnerships. A suggestion was made to seek contributions from local businesses and residents. Discussion also addressed district outreach, rebranding, enrollment, and services for students with disabilities, including access to specialized programs and appropriate resources.

4. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

The Board considered approval of the previous meeting minutes.

Motioned by: Rob Jones Seconded by: Suezana Davis Vote: unanimous

5. APPROVAL OF WARRANT BATCHES

A motion was made to approve September warrant batches.

President Davis requested Board consultation regarding expenses exceeding $5,000 and specifically questioned approximately $16,000 in legal expenses. The Board discussed AAA Fire Protection, Eagle Security, internet reconfiguration (reported at $88 per month), telephone service (reported at $465), bulk purchases of light bulbs, the Meridian cleanup date, and planned lighting improvements at the bus barn.

Motioned by: Rob Jones Seconded by: Suezana Davis Vote: unanimous

6. GET YOUR TEACH ON CONFERENCE

Superintendent Meyer recommended professional development attendance for teachers, paraprofessionals, and himself, citing a recommendation from another superintendent. Mr. Jones discussed an estimated cost of approximately $1,200 per attendee and supported broad participation for staff development, collaboration, and team building. The Board discussed an overall expenditure of approximately $10,000.

Motioned by: Rob Jones Seconded by: Suezana Davis Vote: unanimous

7. WILLIAMS QUARTERLY REPORT

The Board reviewed the Williams Quarterly Report.

Motioned by: Suezana Davis Seconded by: Rob Jones Vote: unanimous

8. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. CAVA Charter Oversight

Mr. Meyer reviewed the district's charter oversight responsibilities. He noted that Mrs. Sykes previously handled CAVA oversight and retired in 2023. Following county guidance, the district contacted an outside oversight organization, whose presentation was reviewed with the Board. The Board discussed its oversight and renewal responsibilities. Mr. Meyer expressed interest in meeting with CAVA leadership in November. Follow-up: verify the referenced three-year term and applicable oversight requirements for the next meeting.

B. Immigration Enforcement Notifications

The Board discussed the district's immigration enforcement notification procedures and related responsibilities.

C. Community Engagement

Debbie Downs questioned the Hispanic Heritage event and requested consideration of a general community night. District representatives explained that the event was open to the entire community and was well attended.

D. Assessment Results and Combination Classes

Debbie Downs asked about student test scores, factors affecting performance, and the district's combination-grade classrooms. The district discussed its TK–8 configuration.

E. Student Activities

Mr. Meyer reported positive participation in the recent school rally and dance and discussed another rally planned for October. Activities were intended to foster student engagement, school spirit, and positive relationships.

F. Leader in Me

Mr. Meyer reported meeting with the trainer on October 8 and discussed staff training scheduled for October 12, 2026, to support implementation with students.

G. E-Rate and Technology

The Board discussed E-Rate funding and technology needs, including improved Wi-Fi, additional access points, updated cabling, and potential fiber-optic infrastructure.

H. Keenan Insurance and Facilities

Mr. Meyer reviewed property and liability insurance, workers' compensation, risk-management meetings, and periodic site inspections. Playground slide repairs were anticipated for Saturday, October 10. The Board also discussed replacing cafeteria doors. Mr. Jones asked about eliminating the center bar, and alternative door configurations will be explored.

9. CLOSED SESSION

The Board entered closed session at 6:44 PM.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Prepared by: Jennifer Wall & Kristen Tresler Date: 10/29/2026

Approved by: Suezana Davis , Board President _____

Date approved: _____