

# **Agenda of Regular Meeting**

**The Board of Trustees**

**Meridian Public School District**

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**A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Meridian Public School District will be held Tuesday, September 15, 2026, beginning at 05:00 PM at Meridian High School Multi-Purpose Building, located at 2320 32nd Street.**

**The subjects to be discussed or considered or upon which any formal action may be taken are as listed below. Items do not have to be taken in the order shown on this meeting agenda.**

**Unless removed from the consent agenda and placed under discussion/action, items identified within the consent agenda will be acted on at one time with no discussion.**

**An asterisk (\*) indicates that support information and/or materials have been or will be provided.**

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETINGS: Monday, August 17, 2026\* and Monday, August 31, 2026\*
5. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
  - 5.1. Attendance Awareness: Dr. Jackie McFarland, Director of Student Supports
6. CONSENT
  - 6.1. Recommendation to approve Coach Steve Mask as a consultant for the Meridian High School Football coaching staff. Coach Mask will review and analyze game film, communicate observations and recommend areas of improvement. Consulting will take place between August through December. Total Cost: \$6,000.00. Funding Source: District (Goal 2)\*
  - 6.2. Recommendation to approve an agreement with Cindy Burt for Gifted Testing for the 2026-2027 school year. Mrs. Burt as a contracted psychometrist, will administer gifted testing to 1st through 6th grade students that qualify for gifted intelligence testing. Total Cost: \$25,000.00. Funding Source: District (Goal 1)\*
  - 6.3. Recommendation to approve the renewal of Heartland Software for the 2026-2027 school year. Total Cost: \$8,284.00. Funding Source: District (Goal 3)\*
  - 6.4. Recommendation to approve the Flex Made Easy FSA application and agreement for the 2026-2027 school year. (Goal 4)\*
  - 6.5. Recommendation to approve an Undergraduate Practicum & Residency Experience Memorandum of Understanding between William Carey University and Meridian Public School District for the 2026-2027 school year. (Goal 4)\*
  - 6.6. Recommendation to approve printing services with UPS Printing Services for the printing

of materials needed to support student and program operations. UPS Printing Services is the lowest and best quote. Total Cost: \$2,900.00. Funding Source: SPED Funds (Goal 1)\*

6.7. Recommendation to approve a contract with Growing Leaders, Inc. to provide Maxwell Leadership Student Ambassador Program for 25 Northwest Middle School students. Total Cost: \$6,250.00. Funding Source: Title 1- Northwest Middle School (Goal 1)\*

6.8. Recommendation to approve the one-time purchase of the Readiness Assessment Builder from Performance Based Education Company, Inc. Total Cost: \$4,850.00. Funding Source: Title 1 (Goal 1)\*

6.9. Recommendation to approve the best and lowest quote for the purchase of Mathematical Concept Progression Guides from the University of Mississippi Center for Mathematics & Science Education. Total Cost: \$3,400.00. Funding Source: Title 1 and School Improvement Funds (Goal 1)\*

6.10. Recommendation to approve the purchase of Summit K12's Connect to Literacy-ELPA21 English Language Development (ELD) program and accompanying professional development for the 2026-2027 school year. Total Cost: \$6,391.70. Funding Source: Title 1 (Goal 1)\*

6.11. Recommendation to approve an agreement Meridian Public School District and Mississippi Behavioral Health Services, LLC to promote and effectuate a behavioral health program for Meridian Public School District students. (Goal 1)\*

6.12. Recommendation to approve an agreement between Ochsner Clinic Foundation and Ross Collins CTE to provide students enrolled in High School Health Science and High School Work-Based Learning with related instruction. (Goal 1)\*

6.13. Recommendation to approve the proposed John Jennings and Laura Kittrell educational outreach sessions for Meridian High School student and the related partnership activities with Any Given Child Meridian and The Max. (Goals 2&5)\*

6.14. Recommendation to approve the Marion Park Alternative School of Innovation Student & Parent Handbook for the 2026-2027 school year. (Goal 1)\*

6.15. Recommendation to approve the revised 2026-2027 School Board meeting calendar. (Goals 1-6)\*

6.16. Recommendation to approve a grant from the Mississippi Arts Commission for the MS Whole Schools Program at Poplar Springs Elementary. Grant Total: \$1,000.00 (Goal 2)\*

6.17. Recommendation to approve the local Perkins plan for Ross Collins Career and Technical Center. (Goals 1&2)\*

6.18. Recommendation to approve the MPSD Campus Police Department 2026-2027 Campus Police Policies and Procedures Manual. (Goal 3)\*

6.19. Recommendation to approve a grant from the State of Mississippi Department of Public Safety LEO Grant Program for the MPSD Campus Police Department. Grant Total: \$44,000.00. (Goal 3)\*

6.20. Recommendation to approve the revised MPSD Proofs of Residency Guidance for the 2026-2027 school year. (Goal 1)\*

6.21. Recommendation to approve the MPSD 2026-2027 English Learners District Plan. (Goals 1&2)\*

- 6.22. Recommendation to approve the purchase of five (5) 77 passenger buses for Transportation. Total Cost: \$744,785.00. Funding Source: District (Goal 3)\*
- 6.23. Recommendation to approve Student Transfers. (Goal 1)\*
- 6.24. Recommendation to approve Overnight Field Trip Requests:\*
- 6.25. Recommendation to approve Gifts/Donations:\*
- 7. PUBLIC FORUM
- 8. ACTION
  - 8.1. Recommendation to approve a certificate of substantial completion 001 for the Harris Upper Site Improvement project. (Goal 3)\*
  - 8.2. Recommendation to approve a certificate of substantial completion 001 for the renovations to the new district office. (Goal 3)\*
  - 8.3. Recommendation to approve Financial reports (Budget Status Statement, Revenue and Expenditure reports, Fund Balance Analysis, Certification of Bank Reconciliations, and Cash Flow report) (Goal 5)\*
  - 8.4. Recommendation to approve Cash Disbursement reports (Goal 5)\*
  - 8.5. Recommendation to approve the Activity Funds Report (Goal 5)\*
  - 8.6. Recommendation to approve the Hiring for all Employees (temporary and full-time)
- 9. CONSIDERATION OF AN EXECUTIVE SESSION
  - 9.1. Prospective purchase, sale or leasing of lands\*
  - 9.2. Embargoed Data
- 10. DISTRICT REPORTS
  - 10.1. Monthly Discipline Report\*
  - 10.2. Sixteenth (16th) Section Report\*
- 11. INFORMATION
  - 11.1. The next Regular Board of Trustees meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 20, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. in the MHS Multi-Purpose Building, located at 2320 32nd Street.
- 12. ADJOURNMENT