

## Melrose-Mindoro Board of Education

Regular Monthly Board Meeting

August 28, 2017

Board Vice President Rick Paisley called the regular monthly meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Administrators present: Superintendent Del DeBerg, High School Principal Jeff Arzt, ECH-8<sup>th</sup> Gr. Principal Corey Peterson, Finance Administrator Kim Bobo. Board Members present: Shane Zeman, Becky Whalen, Terry Blaken, Kim Sacia and Kathy Dunn.

Motion by Sacia, second by Dunn to approve the minutes from last month's meeting as reported. Motion carried 5-0.

**Correspondence:** None.

### Administrator's Report

1. The early start to the 17-18 school year is off to a great start.
2. A groundbreaking ceremony will be held with students on Tuesday, September 5 at 1:00 p.m. Board members are invited to attend if they are able to.
3. Negotiations Committee will meet on Monday, September 25 at 6:30 p.m. The Budget Committee will meet shortly before the October Annual meeting.
4. Mr. DeBerg will have another building re-use meeting at 6:30 p.m. on August 30.
5. The Fall WASB regional meeting will be held in Westby on October 25. More information to follow at next month's board meeting.
6. This Friday, September 1 at 10:30 a.m., Mr. DeBerg will hold a meeting with LaCrosse & Jackson County Highway Commissioners, 92<sup>nd</sup> District Assembly Rep. Treig Pronschinske, and State Representative Steve Doyle in regards to funding options for the required turn lanes that need to be in place in front of the high school.
7. 6-12<sup>th</sup> grade Choir Director Jennifer Hermanson was introduced to the board members.
8. Board members went outside for a groundbreaking photo with shovels and hard hats.

**Open Forum:** Kathy Dunn was asked by a couple community members why our district doesn't charge for student parking and participating in sports. She was also asked if the school has any pictures they would want displayed in various businesses. Kim Sacia asked if the volleyball uniforms were legal this year. Mr. Arzt stated that they have checked with the WIAA and they are legal.

**Finance:** Review of the expenditures and receipts through July. There were no budget changes. Motion by Whalen, second by Blaken to approve the check summary & vouchers in the amount of \$1,632,125.29. Motion carried 5-0.

### Other Business

1. Mr. DeBerg handed out budget updates for the 16-17 and 17-18 school years. The Joint Finance Committee met today to discuss PreK-12 Funding for the upcoming year but there was no final announcements made regarding this portion of the state budget.
2. The driveway between the high school and Tech Ed building will be blocked off starting this week and the circle drive demolition will also begin.
3. Motion by Sacia second by Zeman to approve the bid categories 3B, 8C, and 31A. These were some of the larger project items that were not approved at the August 15 Special Meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

4. Motion by Dunn second by Whalen to approve the Market & Johnson contract for \$21,665,783. Motion carried 5-0.
5. Motion by Sacia, second by Zeman to approve the 17-18 annual notice of academic standards. Motion carried 5-0.
6. Motion by Dunn, second by Blaken to hire Christopher Rude as high school Spanish teacher. He returns to the district after a five year absence. Motion carried 5-0. In support staff hiring: Motion by Zeman, second by Blaken to hire Candy Kettledon as part time kitchen helper and part time Tech Ed building custodian. Josie Groth was hired as a special education aide in the Melrose building. Motion carried 5-0.
7. Motion by Blaken, second by Sacia to allow the request of high school volleyball coaches to switch coaching positions. Darcy Sawyer will now be coaching JV and Sandy Paisley will coach the C-team players. Motion carried 5-0.
8. Motion by Whalen, second by Sacia to eliminate the 80% salary when hiring new support staff. Currently, staff were paid 80% of the full rate for one year before moving to 90% for another year and finally at 100% in year three. They will now be hired at 90% of the full rate of pay for the particular position. Substitutes will be paid at the 90% rate as well. Motion carried 5-0.
9. Motion by Zeman second by roll call vote to adjourn to Executive Session 19.85 1(c) to consider employment, promotion, compensation, or evaluation of personnel at 7:55 p.m.
10. Motion by Zeman, second by Blaken to reconvene to Open Session at 8:42 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.
11. Motion by Whalen, second by Blaken to adjourn at 8:44 p.m.

Michelle Murray  
Recorder of Minutes