

Melrose-Mindoro Board of Education

Regular Monthly Board Meeting

Monday, December 19, 2022

Board President Rick Paisley called the regular monthly meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Administrators present: Superintendent Jeff Arzt, 7-12 Principal Rick Dobbs, ECH-6 Principal Corey Peterson and Finance Administrator Casey Pfaff. Board Members present: Terry Blaken, Geoffrey Rozek, Kim Sacia, Becky Whalen, Kathy Dunn & Shane Zeman. All who were present then stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Sacia, second by Dunn, to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Motion carried 6-0.

Correspondence: The district received a thank you card from the Paul Lash for the donation for his mother, Violet Lash, who recently passed away.

Administrator's Report: Mr. Arzt recognized Board Member Becky Whalen for her 20 years of service and commitment to our district. She will receive a plaque from WI Association of School Boards (WASB) in the near future.

Thank you to our District Nurse Tara Tjerstad and the Mindoro Lions Club for conducting vision screening for 337 of our elementary students earlier this month.

The district received an additional \$250 donation from Chris Vinger, son of Don Vinger. This money will be used by the high school student council. The district also received \$100 from the LaCrosse County Jeans Day Committee. These funds will be used to cover school lunch accounts.

Mr. Arzt would like to the join WiRSA (Wisconsin Rural Schools Alliance) this organization advocates for smaller rural schools and the need for K-12 state funding.

The music department once again put on three wonderful concerts this month. There was a great turnout for all three programs and our kids did a great job performing. The music department also sold some of the broken and unusable musical instruments. Proceeds will go towards the purchase of a new instrument.

WI School Board Convention will be held January 18-20. Please let Michelle or Mr. Arzt know if you are interested in attending.

At January's board meeting the board will need to approve caps to special and regular education programs for the 23-24 school year.

Open Forum: None.

Finance: Review of the expenditures and receipts through November. Motion by Whalen, second by Dunn to approve the check summary & vouchers in the amount of \$1,651,940.18 Motion carried 6-0.

Other Business:

1. Curriculum Director Corey Peterson presented the 2021-2022 District & School Report Cards. The district and schools are meeting expectations. We are continually working on improving student understanding in all areas with focus on reading and math skills in the K-6 grade levels while 6-12th grade are writing new curriculum for their English and Social Studies departments.
2. Motion by Blaken, second by Rozek to approve the 7-12th grade Course Handbook change so the language matches current practice. Motion carried 6-0.
3. Motion by Dunn second by Sacia to approve unpaid leave request from Karen Giese. Motion carried 6-0.
4. Motion by Zeman, second by Dunn to move the start time of future board meetings from 7:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

5. The first reading of Policy 453.31 Management of Pediculosis (Head Lice) In the Schools and 453.31 Rule Managing Head Lice in the Schools Procedures. This is a reading only and no action is to be taken.
6. Motion by Whalen, second by Blaken to approve the second reading of Policy 453.1 Emergency Nursing Services & Rule 453.1 Emergency Care Procedures. Motion carried 6-0.
7. Motion by Dunn, second by Whalen to approve hiring Suzanne Anderson as the long-term sub for second semester high school English. Motion carried 6-0. Ernie Brodsky will be retiring January 13, 2023 after 41 years with the district. Motion carried 6-0.
8. Motion by Zeman, second by Sacia to hire Treston Frey as head high school baseball coach, Liz Herzberg as assistant high school boys basketball coach and Julie Meyer as C-Team high school boys basketball coach at 80% of Schedule C. Motion carried 6-0.
9. Motion by Dunn, second by Zeman to approve the modified schedule requests of Mason Schroeder and Makenna Stair beginning second semester. Motion carried 6-0.
10. 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 and 1(f)-Student Discipline at 6:47 p.m.
11. Motion by Dunn, second by Rozek to reconvene to Open Session at 7:07 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.
12. Motion by Sacia, second by Whalen, to adjourn at 7:08 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Michelle Murray
Recorder of Minutes