

Melrose-Mindoro Board of Education

Regular Monthly Board Meeting

Monday, February 27, 2023

Board President Rick Paisley called the regular monthly meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Administrators present: Superintendent Jeff Arzt, 7-12 Principal Rick Dobbs, ECH-6 Principal Corey Peterson, Building & Grounds Director Dan Stetzer. 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: None

Administrator's Report: Regional and state level competitions for academic and athletic activities are ramping up this week and into March. Unfortunately, our girl's basketball season ended in Bangor last Friday evening. Boy's basketball will begin regional level competition Tuesday night vs. Cadott. Gymnast Abby Miller will advance to state for the fourth year in a row, on Saturday in WI Rapids. Four wrestlers made it to state individual competition. DECA is competing at state through Wednesday. Three students are attending and one of them, Brianna Baker, interviewed for a prestigious state officer position today. Mock Trial team head to state this weekend and Academic Decathlon teams will compete next weekend at state with the hopes of going to Nationals in Frisco, TX. Musically, the district hosted Solo/Ensemble completion on February 19 with several Class A state qualifiers.

Legislative update: Governor Evers released the details of the 23-25 biennial budget on February 15. His budget asks for an increase of 2.6 billion dollars. It is very early in the process and the legislature is not in agreement with the Governor so this is far from what the final budget will look like.

There is a grant opportunity for the district called FEMA BRIC grant. This grant would allow us to apply for a building grant that would be funded by the federal government. More information will be forthcoming.

Open Forum: None.

Finance: Review of the expenditures and receipts through January. Motion by Whalen, second by Dunn to approve the check summary & vouchers in the amount of \$3,422,371.20 Motion carried 6-0.

Other Business:

1. After a presentation from Jason Stevenson of WI Bus Sales, a motion by Whalen, second by Sacia to approve the purchase of a Bluebird EV (electric) bus from WI Bus Sales for \$375,000. This purchase is funded by an EPA grant the district received in the amount of \$375,000. Motion carried 6-0.
2. WASB Search Consultant Fran Finco presented the results of the community superintendent search survey and focus group meetings conducted earlier this month.
3. 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 7:03 p.m..
4. Motion by Sacia, second by Dunn to reconvene to Open Session at 8:00 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.
5. Motion by Blaken, second by Rozek to approve the request for the high school football team to attend an overnight camp in Ladysmith. Motion carried 6-0.
6. Motion by Dunn, second by Sacia to approve the 2023-2024 School Calendar. Motion carried 6-0.
7. Motion by Whalen, second by Sacia to approve the cost of RFP (Request for Proposal) for the greenhouse and additional classroom project by River Valley Architects. Motion carried 6-0.
8. Motion by Sacia, second by Dunn, to approve the cost of RFP (Request for Proposal) for the gym project by River Valley Architects. Motion carried 6-0.
9. Motion by Whalen, second by Sacia to approve providing \$3,000 for the US Cellular Broadband expansion grant for Jackson County. Motion carried 6-0.

10. Motion by Blaken, second by Dunn to accept the resignation of assistant high school baseball coach Jed Jenniges. Motion carried 6-0.
11. Motion by Zeman, second by Blaken to approve hiring Lauren Koss as assistant high school Track & Field coach; Anne Wachter-Labus as head junior high Track & Field coach; Ashlyn Waughtal as assistant junior high Track & Field coach and Mallory Seever as part-time paraprofessional. Motion carried 6-0.
12. Motion by Dunn, second by Zeman to adjourn at 8:33 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Michelle Murray
Recorder of Minutes