

Melrose-Mindoro Board of Education

Regular Monthly Board Meeting

February 27, 2018-**UNAPPROVED**

Board President Marlane Anderson called the regular monthly meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The meeting time and date was changed to Tuesday, February 27 due to the weather related rescheduling of the Girls basketball regional final game from Saturday to Monday night. Administrators present: Superintendent Del DeBerg, High School Principal Jeff Arzt, ECH-8th Gr. Principal Corey Peterson, Finance Administrator Kim Bobo. Board Members present: Shane Zeman, Rick Paisley, Becky Whalen, Terry Blaken, Kim Sacia and Kathy Dunn.

Motion by Sacia, second by Zeman to approve the minutes from last month's meeting as reported. Motion carried 6-0.

Correspondence: As of April 1, Blue Sky Recycling will no longer be handling our aluminum can recycling bin located in Melrose. Mr. DeBerg indicated that there has not been any interest from school groups to date that would be interested in continuing with the program.

Administrator's Report

1. Mr. DeBerg informed the board that a scheduled presentation about safe schools during the February teacher in-service held special meaning in light of the February 14 school shooting in Parkland, FL. All district members strive to make positive connections with every student in our district and encourage everyone if they 'see something, say something'.
2. This winter has been extremely busy between sports and academics. Students are heading to state in Academic Decathlon, Mock Trial, and wrestling (team and individual competitions). Both the Boys and Girls Basketball teams are conference champions and heading into regional and sectional playoffs. The junior high band students will be playing in Honors Band concert held at Blair-Taylor High School this weekend. So much for our district to be proud of!
3. There will be a Budget Committee meeting on Friday, March 23 at 7:00 a.m. in the Administrative offices.
4. The district still has an A+ bond rating. The second round of borrowing was locked in today with a 3.56% rate. The first round was at 3.59%. The third and final round of borrowing will come in July 2018.

Open Forum: Paul Nau commented how great it is to see all the progress of the consolidated campus. He also presented a couple reports about the WI Idea.

Finance: Review of the expenditures and receipts through January. There were no budget changes. Motion by Whalen, second by Sacia to approve the check summary & vouchers in the amount of \$3,923,959.22. Motion carried 6-0.

Other Business

1. Craig Namyst from Market & Johnson was present to take the board members through the link that connects the high school & Tech Ed buildings as well as through the 7-8th grade classrooms. The high school/Tech Ed link is scheduled to be opened up tomorrow for students to move through when changing classes. Although nothing has been decided, the district would like to possibly use some contingency money for other upgrades such as replacing the old gym ceiling and seating in the auditorium.

2. Motion by Paisley, second by Blaken to approve the request to travel outside the 100-mile radius for a field trip. Seventh grade students will be going to the Minnesota Zoo for a class trip later this spring. Motion carried 6-0.
3. Motion by Blaken, second by Dunn to hire Christina Kurschner as the GEO/Remedial School Coordinator. Motion carried 6-0.
4. Motion by Zeman, second by Sacia to approve the retirement of Superintendent Del DeBerg; Corey Peterson resigned from Mindoro Building Principal position and Kelsey Woodward resigned as 7th grade Literature/Language teacher, all at the end of the 17-18 school year. Motion carried 6-0.
5. Motion by Blaken, second by Whalen to accept the resignation from Heather Sullivan as the assistant softball coach. Motion carried 6-0.
6. While on the building tour, the board members stopped in Tech Ed instructor Jim Briggs' room. February is Career & Technology Education Month and Mr. Briggs showed the board members what the students have been creating on the laser cutter as well as other pieces of equipment. He also provided each board member with a personalized aluminum water bottle. Student participation in these classes continues to grow. Students earn both high school & college credits for taking classes such as Wood Tech, Advanced Welding, & Child Development. Future articulated classes may include Auto Cad and Carpentry.
7. Motion by Dunn, second by Sacia to approve the unpaid time off request from Sylva Hanson to chaperone the music students to New York March 21-26. Motion carried 6-0.
8. Motion by Whalen, second by Sacia to suspend the golf team until there greater interest in the future. Motion carried 6-0. This is due to low student participants, lack of a nearby golf course, and no coaching options. Ettrick & Black River Falls have offered their courses for the Mustangs to practice on but this is not feasible at this time.
9. Motion by Zeman, second by roll call vote to adjourn to Executive Session per WI Statute 19.85 1(c) to consider employment, promotion or performance at 8:27 p.m.
10. Motion by Paisley, second by Blaken to reconvene to Open Session at 9:07 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.
11. Discussion pertaining to how the search for the next superintendent will be done. For now, the board will post in-house.
12. Motion by Zeman, second by Paisley to adjourn at 9:10 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Michelle Murray
Recorder of Minutes