

Melrose-Mindoro Board of Education

Regular Monthly Board Meeting

Monday, January 25, 2021

Board President Rick Paisley called the regular monthly meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Administrators present: Superintendent Jeff Arzt, 7-12 Principal Rick Dobbs, ECH-6th Gr. Principal Corey. Board Members present: Becky Whalen, Jodi Anderson, Kim Sacia, Terry Blaken, Kathy Dunn & Shane Zeman. All who were present then stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Correspondence: There was no correspondence.

Administrator's Report: Preliminary January Second Friday count shows district head count of 755, a small increase in head count over Third Friday number which was 749. Full time equivalent is down to 721 mostly due to students who were our residents moving out of the district.

Congratulations to the Academic Decathlon team. They won regional competition and had the 7th highest score in the state for all schools.

Thanks to Ashley Charitable Foundation for their donation of \$470 to our JH Robotics club. The money will be used to expand their practice table and purchase supplies needed for competition.

The district has been provided 'hotspots' for families with poor internet reception. There are currently 31 hotspots at a cost of \$1,040 per month.

The trips to Europe and Spain planned for this summer in question & don't think our students will be able to go.

Winter sports season was shortened this year to accommodate for the spring football & volleyball seasons. Normally, the winter sports go well into March. This year, winter sports will conclude the first week in March and the spring season will start on April 19 or 26 depending on which sport it is.

Students participated in the High School Esports League Fall Majors and did quite well. They competed against teams in the central time zone as well as nationally. Ethan Grant placed 12th nationally in Minecraft along with 3rd place finishers Peyton Braun & Jonah Waughtal in Call of Duty. In the Central Time Zone division, Ella Bielfeldt was 13th in Minecraft & Kennan Luchterhand was 18th. Middle School Rocket League participant Aeron Hanson, Isaiah Erickson, & Anthony Hernandez places 9th in the Central Time Zone division. Other students had a great season but unfortunately did not qualify for the playoffs in their chosen games.

Mr. Arzt will look at forming a committee to review and possibly revise our district grievance procedure. He will also be meeting with staff about the 2021-22 school calendar.

Open Forum: Jay Everson asked to speak about the faculty meetings taking place outside the professional staff contracted day with no extra pay.

Finance: Review of the expenditures and receipts through December. Motion by Whalen, second by Dunn to approve the check summary & vouchers in the amount of \$846,562.14. Motion carried 6-0.

Other Business:

1. District Nurse Tara Tjerstad introduced herself to the board and presented the district health & immunization report. The district is in compliance for immunizations at 99.3%. She has been very busy this year with COVID contract tracing & education. All students and staff are following the 14 day quarantine rule because there isn't a guarantee of keeping the 6ft distance requirement. Athletes may

return to practice or competition on day 15 with a medical release letter. COVID vaccinations have started and most of our special education staff has received their first dose of the vaccine. The next round of vaccines should be available to all remaining staff around March 1. The Mindoro Lions once provided SPOT vision screenings to 404 students 4K-8th grade with 38 referrals for further vision testing.

2. Tara also reviewed the Cardia Emergency procedures for our school safety plan. There were no changes to the plan. Future reviews will be done by herself along with the Cardiac review team and our medical director. Our overall number of students in special education has increased slightly over the past three years. This year, 131 students or 17.4% of our student population compared with 134 in 2020 and 126 in 2019. The district has hired more paraprofessional staff to help with general education study halls and recess duties due to COVID restrictions this year. We are .5 FTE short in special education staffing in the K-6 level compared to this time last year.
3. Motion by Whalen, second by Sacia to approve the open enrollment regular & special education space allotments for the 2021-2022 school year listed below. Motion carried 6-0.

Regular Education 2021-2022 Open Enrollment Restrictions
Estimate Date: January 25, 2021
Space Determination for 2021-2022

<u>Grade Level 2021-2022</u>	<u>Space for Open Enrollment 2021-2022</u>
PK-12	No Regular Education Restrictions

Special Education 2021-2022 Open Enrollment Restrictions
Estimate Date: January 25, 2021
Space Determination for 2021-2022

<u>Program</u>	<u>Elementary (K-6)</u>	<u>Secondary (7-12)</u>
Cross Categorical	Spaces available = 0	Spaces available = 0
Early Childhood	Spaces available = 9	NA
Speech & Language	Spaces available = 0	Spaces available = 0
Individual Paraprofessional	Students with special education needs requesting Open Enrollment into the district who require 1:1 adult support for the entirety of the school day will be denied.	

4. Motion by Whalen, second by Zeman to approve the Fund 49 projects which include renovation of the Family & Consumer Education classroom, upgrading the auditorium (painting walls, new flooring & seating), blacktop a portion of the elementary playground, maintenance building driveway & road to ballfield as well as the bus parking lot; sandblast & paint the white beam on the exterior of the high school, bus garage washing system, rugs for elementary entrance and replacement of door frames in high school gym as well as roof repair on the 1998 addition. Motion carried 6-0.
5. Motion by Dunn, second by Sacia to table the increase in GEO & Remedial summer school pay until next month. Motion carried 6-0.
6. 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 8:30 p.m.
7. Motion by Blaken, second by Zeman to reconvene to Open Session at 9:15 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.
8. Motion by Dunn, second by Anderson to adjourn at 9:16 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Michelle Murray
Recorder of Minutes