

## Melrose-Mindoro Board of Education

Regular Monthly Board Meeting

Monday, July 25, 2022

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, Transportation & Building & Grounds Director Dan Stetzer, and Finance Administrator Casey Pfaff. Board Members present: Geoffrey Rozek, Kim Sacia, Becky Whalen, Kathy Dunn & Shane Zeman. All who were present then stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Zeman, second by Whalen, to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Motion carried 5-0

**Correspondence:** The district receive a thank you note from Rhonda Murphy for the donation for her mother, Joy Coon, who recently passed away.

**Administrator's Report:** The school newsletter has been sent to the printers and should be delivered to district mailboxes late this week or early next week. It is already posted on the district website.

A new report from the WI Policy Forum found that Wisconsin hasn't kept pace with the national growth in public education spending. Wisconsin spent \$12740 per student on public elementary and secondary education in 2020, according to the latest data released by the US Census Bureau. That's almost six percent below the national average and ranks 25<sup>th</sup> in the nation for 2020. According to our 21-22 school year, our district spent approximately \$10,983 per student.

The district continues to work on the school safety plan which includes plans for reunification offsite, if the situation warrants us to do so.

An order for vape detectors has not been completed yet. We want to make sure our policies and practices are in place. Also, these detectors have been on back order for over a year. After much discussion, the district may look to spend resources on prevention strategies.

Remedial summer school begin today and runs through August 5. There are currently 95 students enrolled for this second round of classes.

There were seven Advanced Placement (AP) classes offered this past year and some of the students participating earned college credit by receiving a three or higher score on the tests. The district offered AP History, Government, Stats, Calculus, English Lit & Composition, Psychology & Spanish Language and Culture.

Fall sports will begin practices in early August. Football starts August 2 and Volleyball, Cross Country & Boys Soccer will begin August 15.

Building & Grounds Director Dan Stetzer along with the whole custodial crew have been doing a fantastic job getting our campus ready to welcome students back. Updates to the baseball field and landscaping are done and the staff are quickly wrapping up the cleaning inside the building as well.

**Open Forum:** None

**Finance:** Review of the expenditures and receipts through June. Motion by Whalen, second by Dunn to approve the check summary & vouchers in the amount of \$1,361,670.40. Motion carried 5-0. There were no budget changes.

**Other Business:**

1. An option to move towards paperless board reports was discussed. The bulk of the reports will be emailed to board members with the agenda printed and available at the board meeting. Currently, board packets are emailed and mailed to members.
2. Mr. Arzt updated the board for the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 budget.
3. Motion by Sacia, second by Zeman to approve the resignations of support staff Kari Johnson as the ECH-6<sup>th</sup> grade & Transportation Secretary; Coaches Tricia Waughtal, 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls' basketball; Dan Stetzer as junior high assistant football coach and Kari Peterson, high school student council advisor. Motion carried 5-0.
4. Motion by Dunn, second by Whalen to hire Ashley Boe as head high school girls' soccer coach and Anne Wachter-Labus as junior high student council advisory and Aliah Kuehn as high school student council advisor. Motion carried 5-0.
5. Motion by Zeman, second by Rozek to approve the changes to the Junior High & High School handbook. Motion carried 5-0.
6. Motion by Dunn, second by Sacia to approve the 2022-2023 Academic standards. Motion carried 5-0.
7. Motion by Dunn, second by Whalen to approve providing transportation under Sparta's guidelines to students open enrolled to Melrose-Mindoro for the upcoming year. Administration will continue to work with parents of eligible students to finalize details. Motion carried 5-0.
8. Motion by Zeman, second by Sacia to approve the district to participate in a pilot program to improve school attendance. Motion carried 5-0.
9. Motion by Whalen, second by Rozek to allow Amy Thesing a day of unpaid leave in February 2023. Motion carried 5-0.
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 at 7:54 p.m.
11. Motion by Zeman, second by Sacia to reconvene to Open Session at 8:05 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.
12. Motion by Sacia, second by Dunn to approve the increase from three to five days of personal leave. May also buy back up to three days of personal leave per diem at the end of the school year. Motion carried 5-0.
13. Motion by Sacia, second by Dunn to adjourn at 8:08 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Michelle Murray  
Recorder of Minutes