

Melrose-Mindoro Board of Education

Regular Monthly Board Meeting

Monday, June 27, 2022

Board President Rick Paisley called the regular monthly meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Administrators present: Superintendent Jeff Arzt and Finance Administrator Casey Pfaff. Board Members present: Becky Whalen, Terry Blaken, Kathy Dunn & Shane Zeman. All who were present then stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Zeman, second by Blaken, to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Motion carried 4-0.

Correspondence: There was no correspondence.

Administrator's Report: GEO summer school classes ran from June 6-17, 2022. There were approximately 240 students that attended and anticipating about 95 for remedial classes held later this summer.

We are on the third year of our five year contract for milk, bread and food bids. Reinhart is our prime vendor and we combine with other area districts to receive the best possible pricing for our food service program.

Sparta School Board will meet tomorrow for their regular board meeting to make a final decision on whether or not to allow busing open enrolled students from Sparta into Melrose-Mindoro. There would be one centralized drop off/pick up spot.

Mr. Arzt received a letter from GSS Inc., a company representing US Cellular, looking for a location in the area to put a 280 ft. cell tower located on the district property. They have, however, determined a more suitable site further south of the school.

Congratulations to our athletes competing in state Track & Field events earlier this month. We also have three students competing in High School Racing Association and doing very well along with 16 students heading to Nationals in Lansing, MI for Trap shooting later this summer.

Mr. Arzt is willing to present information in regards to budget preparation and planning or any other topic the board members would like to know more about. Please reach out to him with any ideas.

The district is receiving unexpected funds as a result of higher transportation aid as well as funds from an internal Medicaid audit. Recent legislation for gun safety laws will also provide more funding for mental health services for students.

Open Forum: None

Finance: Review of the expenditures and receipts through April. Motion by Whalen, second by Dunn to approve the check summary & vouchers in the amount of \$1,314,792.90. Motion carried 4-0. There were no budget changes.

Other Business:

1. Motion by Dunn, second by Blaken to table hearing the update to the District Triennial Wellness Policy until a later date. Motion carried 4-0
2. Motion by Zeman, second by Whalen to approve the changes to the Safe Return to In Person Instruction & Continuity of Services Plan. Motion carried 4-0. This plan is required every six months in order to receive ESSER funding.
3. Mr. Arzt reviewed the 2021-2022 budget. Final numbers will not be available until after the end of the fiscal year which is June 30, 2022. We have greatly reduced the number of times and amount of short term borrowing over the past year by adjusting the process of paying invoices.
4. The 2022-2023 budget is a work in progress but the district is preparing for a balanced budget.

5. Motion by Dunn, second by Zeman to increase the breakfast and lunch prices for the 2022-2023 fiscal year. Motion carried 4-0. The federal lunch program has extended the free breakfast and lunch programs through the summer and there is discussion of continuing into the 2022-2023 school year. No final decision has been made as of this board meeting.
6. Motion by Whalen, second by Blaken to approve the following resignations: Heather Stello, paraprofessional; Lindsay Rozek junior high school assistant volleyball and junior high assistant girls basketball coaching positions; Brant Young-high school girls head soccer coach. Motion carried 4-0.
7. Motion by Blaken, second by Dunn to approve hiring the following positions: Heather Stello, JH/HS Secretary; Brianna Brehmer, Eunice Flick-Webb, & Ashley Kaz as elementary paraprofessionals; Ashlyn Waughtal, JH Athletic Director; Connie Craig, High School Athletic Director; Kayla Foley, 9-12th grade Science; Nicole Hummel 7-8th gr Science; and Steve Boe, 7-12th grade Ag/FFA Advisor. Motion carried 4-0.
8. 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 7:50 p.m.
9. Motion by Zeman, second by Blaken to reconvene to Open Session at 8:05 p.m. Motion carried 4-0.
10. Motion by Whalen, second by Dunn to move the Finance Administrator from 1.0 FTE to .80 FTE effective July 1, 2022. Motion carried 4-0.
11. Motion by Blaken second by Zeman to adjourn at 8:06 p.m. Motion carried 4-0.

Michelle Murray
Recorder of Minutes