

## **Melrose-Mindoro Board of Education**

Regular Monthly Board Meeting

November 25, 2013

Board President Marlane Anderson called the regular monthly meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Administrators present: Superintendent Del DeBerg, High School Principal Jeff Arzt, K-8 Principal Corey Peterson, Finance Administrator Kim Bobo, Board Members present: Becky Gerdes, Kathy Dunn, Shane Zeman and Terry Blaken, and Rick Paisley.

Motion by Gerdes, second by Blaken to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

**Correspondence-** None

### **Administrator's Report**

1. New teachers Whitney Larson (K4) and Jessica Mulholland (5<sup>th</sup> Gr) introduced themselves to the board.
2. Benefit Advisors Insurance asked to use the high school building (specifically the computers) as a 'satellite hub' for community members to purchase health care on the Marketplace. A date has not been set for this event.
3. Mr. DeBerg asked which members, if any, would be able to attend the annual school board convention. Early registration deadline is quickly approaching.
4. Congratulation to Riley Hanson. He is the 2013 Delo Tractor Restoration National Grand Champion and the only representative from Wisconsin to reach the national level.

**Open Forum-**None

### **Finance**

Expenditures and Receipts through October were reviewed. Motion by Gerdes, second by Paisley to approve the check summary and vouchers in the amount of \$1,214,054.82. Motion carried 6-0. The Cash Flow and Activity accounts were reviewed.

### **Other Business**

1. Motion by Paisley, second by Dunn to appoint Kim Sacia as the Area 2 representative until the April 1, 2014 election. Motion carried 6-0. Sacia was immediately sworn in and began her duties.
2. District Transportation Director Mark Roberts updated the board members on the condition of the district's fleet of vehicles. He stated that he would like to purchase two buses this current fiscal year.
3. Mr. DeBerg made a brief presentation regarding the updates to Common Core State Standards, Educator Effectiveness and Smarter Balance Assessments. The Common Cores standards are more rigorous than the current WI state standards. Educator Effectiveness relates to how teachers are evaluated by their supervisors and Smarter Balance Assessments are replacing the current WKCE 'paper & pencil' test to online assessments. Every high school junior will be expected to take the ACT test starting next year.
4. Motion by Blaken, second by Gerdes to approve the Music department's request to attend the play, "Fiddler on the Roof" at the Chanhassen Dinner Theater in MN. This is outside the 100-mile radius. Motion carried 7-0.
5. Motion by Paisley, second by Sacia to not change the December board meeting. It will remain on December 23. Motion carried 7-0.
6. Mr. DeBerg updated the board members regarding the IRS audit. There are still some issues that need to be clarified between the IRS and our attorney before things are wrapped up. The main sticking point is regarding retirement benefits.
7. Motion by Zeman, second by Blaken to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

Michelle Murray  
Recorder of Minutes