

## Melrose-Mindoro Board of Education

Regular Monthly Board Meeting

November 27, 2023

### CONVENE

Board President Rick Paisley called the regular monthly meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. Administrators present: Superintendent Deanna Wiatt, 7-12<sup>th</sup> Gr. Principal Rick Dobbs, ECH-6<sup>th</sup> Gr. Principal Corey Peterson, Finance Administrator Casey Pfaff. Board Members present: Terry Blaken, Becky Whalen, Kim Sacia, Geoff Rozek, Shane Zeman & Kathy Dunn. All who were present then stood for the Pledge of Allegiance. Motion by Blaken, second by Sacia to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

### DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

The 'Speak Up, Speak Out' program has been introduced to all 5-12th grade students by SRO Kyle Nosbisch, and Guidance Counselor Steve Kurschner. This program allows students, parents and community members to call or text when there is a concern about school or student safety. There is always a live person to respond to the call, no matter the time of day reported.

Superintendent Wiatt met with educators from WTC & CESA 10 (Project Circuit) this month. Each group had different ways to educate our students without having them to leave our campus. She also attended training in Chippewa Falls for our state testing protocols along with Special Education Director Marie Sonsalla.

The Veteran Day programs held by both the elementary and junior high/high schools were very meaningful and well attended. All participants did a wonderful job and it was a pleasure to attend both.

In honor of Thanksgiving, the elementary staff held a potluck and the high school special education department provided a wonderful feast for the 7-12 staff.

Sixth-12<sup>th</sup> grade students attended a program called the Lion Heart Experience. The performers shared motivational moments and how they overcame the fear of failure through music and art. Artwork created during the performance hangs in the junior high hallway.

High School Guidance Counselor Tammy Leis has started the 'Raise Your Voice' club to help create and promote positive mental health. The group has met twice this year already.

Superintendent Wiatt has begun meeting with elementary grade level teams to become better acquainted with them and to hear feedback relating to any concerns they have. The plan is to meet with junior high staff by the end of December and move to the high school staff in January.

### CONNECTION WITH THE COMMUNITY

1. **Correspondence:** Thank you from Sherry Scherr for the memorial she received from the board and administration in the recent passing of her mother
2. **Public Comment:** No public comment.

### CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

1. **Minutes from the previous month's Regular Board Meeting:** Motion by Sacia second by Zeman, to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Motion carried 6-0.
2. **Finance:** Review of the expenditures and receipts through October. Motion by Whalen, second by Sacia to approve the check summary & vouchers in the amount of \$811,086.58. Motion carried 6-0.
3. **Personnel Report:** Motion by Dunn, second by Blaken to approve the resignation of C-Team volleyball coach Emily Wolf. And Head Cross Country coach Brad Sime. Motion carried 6-0. There were no hiring or retirement notices to act on this month.

## **DISCUSS AND/OR TAKE ACTION**

1. **Consider Early Graduation Request:** Motion by Whalen, second by Dunn to approve the early graduation request for Zachary Wyss. Motion carried 6-0.

## **BOARD DEVELOPMENT**

1. **Review State Report Card Data:** Superintendent Wiatt reviewed the district and school level report cards. Since there were no state tests in 2020 due to COVID, data from the following years will be used in future testing results. The Elementary building (ECH-6<sup>th</sup> grade) 'Exceeds Expectations' and the JH/HS (7-12<sup>th</sup> Grade) 'Meets Expectations' as does the school district overall. The report cards are available online through the Department of Public Instruction as well as through our district website.
2. **Discuss Draft of Strategic Plan:** What goals does the school district have for the next five years? There are four pillars: Teaching & Learning, Employee Engagement, Community Connections and Business Operations. Defining and revising the action plans under each of these pillars will help our district become a successful place for our students, staff and community to learn, work and grow.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Sacia, second by Dunn to adjourn at 7:42 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Michelle Murray  
Recorder of Minutes