

## Melrose-Mindoro Board of Education

Regular Monthly Board Meeting

October 23, 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 (arrived at 6:25p.m.), Becky Whalen, Kim Sacia, Geoff Rozek, Shane Zeman & Kathy Dunn. All who were present then stood for the Pledge of Allegiance. Public notice and Approval of Agenda was recognized.

### DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Professional Development opportunities this month included ALICE training scenarios on October 6 which was led by our principals. Math, English Language Arts (ELA) and social studies curriculum meetings will be held this month as well.

Business teacher Alison Boudry attended a conference and was able to share the ideas and literacy skills and how they tie into CTE programming.

Casey, Dan, and I have been meeting weekly with Market & Johnson and Rural Valley Architects to finalize plans around the FEMA building. We are still moving forward with planning but due to other FEMA related emergencies, the grant process will be extended another month before taking the next steps in the process.

District and school report cards will be released to the public November 15, 2023. Preliminary reports provided to the district showed some discrepancies in attendance tracking and a huge thank you goes out to the high school office staff (Heather & Kathy) for making the necessary changes.

### CONNECTION WITH THE COMMUNITY

1. **Correspondence:** Thank you from Janet Woodward for the memorial she received from the board and administration in the recent passing of her mother. Jim & Marla Hanley donated \$100 to the library in honor of Marla's aunt, Bev Brown, 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. Tech Ed teacher Jim Briggs also received tools from the LaCrosse Area Builders Association.
2. **Public Comment:** Dan Stern wanted to let the board know how nice the district buildings & grounds (inside and out) looks. He also commented that the pool needs some attention, specifically electrical updates and painting the locker rooms.

### CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

1. **Minutes from the previous month's Regular Board Meeting:** Motion by Sacia second by Whalen, to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Motion carried 5-0.
2. **Finance:** Review of the expenditures and receipts through September. Motion by Whalen, second by Sacia to approve the check summary & vouchers in the amount of \$2,357,643.87. Motion carried 5-0.
3. **Personnel Report:** Motion by Dunn, second by Rozek to approve the resignation of Paraprofessional Katelin Kammerer. Motion carried 5-0. Motion made by Sacia, second by Blaken, to approve the retirement of custodian Diane P. Olson, effective December 31, 2023. Motion carried 6-0. Motion by Zeman, second by Dunn to hire Robert Grignon as full time custodian and Rebecca Heidel as elementary special education aide (starting November 1, 2023). Motion carried 6-0.

### DISCUSS AND/OR TAKE ACTION

1. **Approve Start College Now Applicant Requests:** Motion by Blaken, second by Sacia to approve Start College Now applicants. Motion carried 6-0.
2. **Accept Donation from Mindoro Lions Club:** Motion by Blaken, second by Zeman to accept the \$2000 donation from Mindoro Lions Club. The money will be split by five various clubs (athletic & National

Honor Society). Students from the groups worked at Spanferkel celebration and the Mindoro Lions donated the money to each of their organizations. Motion carried 6-0.

3. **Discuss 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday Count:** Our 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday in September pupil count is 687 FTE (full time equivalent) which is 34 less than the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday in January count. This is significant, but not out of the ordinary. Schools are reporting lower numbers statewide.
4. **Second Reading of Policy 834-Public & Community Use of District Property**
5. **Approve Opening Activity Account for National Honor Society-**Motion by Zeman, second by Dunn to approve opening this account. Motion carried 6-0.
6. **Adjourn to Annual Meeting & Budget Hearing-**Motion by Sacia, second by Dunn to adjourn to the annual meeting & budget hearing at 6:45 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.
7. **Reconvene to the Regular Board Meeting-**Motion by Zeman, second by Dunn to reconvene the regular board meeting at 7:00 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.
8. **Consider Tax Levy for the 2023-2024 School Year-**Motion by Whalen, second by Sacia to approve the tax levy for the 2023-2024 school year in the amount of \$4,195,113.00 Motion carried 6-0
9. **Consider Moving December Regular Board Meeting to December 18, 2023-**Christmas Day falls on the December regular board meeting date. Motion by Whalen, second by Blaken to move the December board meeting to December 18, 2023. Motion carried 6-0.

#### **CLOSED SESSION**

The Board will discuss, consider and, if appropriate, take action pursuant to Wis. Stats §19.85(1) (f) "Considering financial, medical, social, or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons." Motion made by Zeman, second by roll call vote to adjourn at 7:01 p.m. Motion by Zeman, second by Rozek to reconvene to Open Session at 8:01 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Whalen, second by Sacia to adjourn at 8:02 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Michelle Murray  
Recorder of Minutes