

Melrose-Mindoro Board of Education

Regular Monthly Board Meeting

Monday, October 24, 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, ECH-6 Principal Corey Peterson and Finance Administrator Casey Pfaff. Board Members present: Terry Blaken, Geoffrey Rozek, Kim Sacia, Becky Whalen, Kathy Dunn & Shane Zeman. All who were present then stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Correspondence: None

Administrator's Report: October 2-8 is School Board Appreciation Week. Thank you to all the board members for their work and dedication to the students and staff of our district.

Thanks to the Mindoro Lions for their \$400 donation to the district. These funds provided the purchase of glasses for two students.

Parent-teacher conferences were held one night this semester on October 13. While the amount of time was sufficient for the JH/SH staff and students, the elementary building ran short of time. There were some conferences that were held outside of the regular conference times. We may need to look at moving to two nights of conferences in the future for the elementary staff and students.

There has been a recent uptick in the number of students with head lice. A letter has been sent home to all parents and treatment kits are available at school for parents in need.

Open Forum: None.

Finance: Review of the expenditures and receipts through September. Motion by Whalen, second by Dunn to approve the check summary & vouchers in the amount of \$1,047,172.00. Motion carried 6-0.

Other Business:

1. Motion by Whalen, second by Sacia to approve a \$1,000 retention stipend to all active, regular staff actively employed as of November 12, 2022. Motion carried 4-0 with Blaken & Rozek abstaining.
2. Motion by Blaken, second by Dunn to accept the \$25,725 donation from Ashley Furniture STEM program. Motion carried 6-0.
3. Motion by Zeman, second by Sacia to approved the modified schedule for McCoy Krueger for the second semester. Motion carried 6-0.
4. Motion by Dunn, second by Zeman to approve the requests for students for the Start College Now & Early College Credits. Motion carried 6-0.
5. Motion by Dunn, second by Zeman to allow the purchase of a bus. Anticipating an increase in cost of purchasing as well as availability options, the district would like to begin looking at ordering a bus sooner rather than later. Motion carried 6-0.
6. The Non Violent CPI Incident for 21-22 school year was presented. There were 33 total CPI seclusion events involving four children, none of which were special education students. There were 27 CPI restraints again involving four children, none of which were special education students.
7. Motion by Blaken, second by Dunn to table resignations of coaching and support staff positions. Motion carried 6-0.
8. Motion by Dunn, second by Whalen to hire Jenna Kowalke and Chad Mather as Tutor Coordinators. Jenna will oversee elementary students while Chad will be assisting the JH/HS students. Motion carried 6-0.
9. At 7:30 p.m. a motion by Sacia, second by Blaken to adjourn to the Annual Meeting & Budget Hearing. Motion carried 6-0.

10. Motion by Dunn, second by Whalen to reconvene to the regular board meeting at 7:57 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.
11. Motion by Blaken, second by Zeman to approve hiring Tina Braun as elementary paraprofessional. Motion carried 5-0, with Sacia abstaining.
12. Motion by Zeman, second by Dunn to move the December board meeting to December 19, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. This is a change in date and time. Motion carried 6-0.
13. Motion by Sacia, second by Whalen to approve the tax levy for the 2022-2023 school year in the amount of \$4,375,355. (9.784 mill rate) Motion carried 6-0.
14. 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 8:03 p.m.
15. Motion by Blaken, second by Dunn to reconvene to Open Session at 8:25 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.
16. Motion by Dunn, second by Sacia to approve the rollover of remaining 2021-2022 vacation time for Finance Administrator Casey Pfaff and payout of unused vacation time for Superintendent Jeff Arzt and Administrative Secretary Michelle Murray. Motion carried 6-0.
17. Motion by Rozek, second by Whalen to adjourn at 8:26 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Michelle Murray
Recorder of Minutes