

Melrose-Mindoro Board of Education

Regular Monthly Board Meeting

October 23, 2017

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, ECH-8th Gr. Principal Corey Peterson, Finance Administrator Kim Bobo. Board Members present: Shane Zeman, Rick Paisley, Becky Whalen, Terry Blaken, Kim Sacia and Kathy Dunn.

Motion by Sacia, second by Blaken to approve the minutes from last month's meeting as reported.

Motion carried 6-0.

Correspondence: Cheri Timm sent a thank you card for the memorial donated in her brother's memory.

Administrator's Report

1. First quarter for students ends this Wednesday, October 25. There will be no school for students Thursday & Friday and teachers will have in-service on Thursday.
2. Congratulations to our athletic teams: Dairyland Conference Champions in Football, Cross Country placed second in conference and Sydney Becker is heading to State. Volleyball finished second in the conference as well.

Open Forum: Kathy Dunn congratulated the 8th grade Quiz Bowl for their first place finish.

Compliments to Jennifer Goodenough of Ed Gappa for taking sports photos of students, they both do a wonderful job!

Liz Herzberg was also present and requested that her resignation as assistant girls' basketball coach be rescinded. Mr. DeBerg stated that no action can be taken during Open Forum and it will be acted on later in the regular meeting.

Finance: Review of the expenditures and receipts through September. There were no budget changes. Motion by Whalen, second by Dunn to approve the check summary & vouchers in the amount of \$979,941.07. Motion carried 6-0.

Other Business

1. Construction is progressing nicely and the new septic system is up and running. Removal of old tanks will take place this week when no students are in school. Footing, fire walls, and new service road are in place.
2. Transportation Brant Young provided an overview of the 16-17 transportation year. The oldest bus in service now is a 2007 and the oldest in the fleet is 2002. We are in dire need of substitute and regular route drivers due to retirements now and at the end of the year.
3. Motion by Blaken, second by Dunn to adjourn to the Annual Meeting at 7:30 p.m. Motion carried.
4. Motion by Sacia, second by Paisley to reconvene to the Regular Board meeting at 8:10 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.
5. Motion by Whalen, second by Sacia to approve the 2017-2018 district levy of \$4,418,385 and breaks down as follows: Fund 10 (General Fund) \$3,217,960/9.421 mills; Fund 39 (Debt Service) \$1,175,425/3.441 mills and Fund 80 (Community Services) \$25,000/0.073 mills. This results in a 12.935 mill rate which is .803 less than the mill rate approved at last October's meeting. Motion carried 6-0.

6. Motion by Zeman, second by roll call vote to adjourn to Executive Session 19.85 1(c) at 8:17 p.m. to consider employment, promotion, and compensation.
7. Motion by Paisley, second by Sacia to reconvene to regular session at 9:10 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.
8. Motion by Dunn, second by Blaken to accept the resignation with regrets, of bus driver Donnie Becker. Motion carried 6-0.
9. Motion by Blaken, second by Zeman to reject Liz Herzberg's resignation as assistant girls' basketball coach. Motion carried 6-0.
10. Motion by Paisley, second by Zeman to indefinitely table hiring an assistant girls' basketball coach. Motion carried 6-0.
11. Motion by Paisley, second by Dunn to allow the girls' soccer program to be funded like any other WIAA sport through the school. In the past several years, the soccer program has held several fundraising events and had volunteer coaches. Last year was the first year the district provided a paid coach and they have completed their second year in a co-op with G-E-T. The program has grown since 2012-13 and the number of girls participating has increased. Motion carried 6-0.
12. Motion by Whalen, second by Sacia to increase the bus driver regular route compensation from \$16.46/hr. to \$18.00/hr. and adjusted for bus driver(s) that are insurance eligible from \$15.85 to \$17.39/hr. Co-curricular trips will increase from \$13.74 to \$14.00. Motion carried 6-0.
13. Motion by Blaken, second by Dunn to accept the \$1,550 donation from the Arnold Foundation to the Elementary music program for the purchase of 25 ukuleles. Motion carried 6-0.
14. Motion by Sacia, second by Zeman to allow the posting of unapproved school board minutes on the district website shortly after the conclusion of the monthly meeting. Past practice has been to wait to publish until approved at the following month's meeting. By posting earlier, the public is provided with current information. Newspaper publication will still be after minutes are approved by the board. Motion carried 6-0.
15. Mr. DeBerg wanted to recognize the organizations and people that have donated school supplies to our students again this year. Many thanks to the Mindoro Presbyterian Church, the Mindoro Outreach program, Mindoro Lions, Cindy Tracey, Char Sbraggia, Dia Holseth, Sarahann Jones, Dale & Betty Kirchner and the Arnold Foundation for their generous support.
16. Motion by Whalen, second by Paisely to adjourn at 9:25 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Michelle Murray
Recorder of Minutes