

## Melrose-Mindoro Board of Education

Regular Monthly Board Meeting

Monday, September 26, 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: 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 Zeman, to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

**Correspondence:** The district received a thank you note from Betty Kirchner & Margaret Haag for the back to school luncheon. They expressed their appreciation of coming back each year to meet the new staff and catch up with other retirees and employees. Governor Evers sent his thanks to the district for hosting his visit on September 1 as well as a thank you card from Kathy Barrett-Helgeson for the donation for her dad, Ed Gilbertson, who recently passed away.

**Administrator's Report:** The district Third Friday count was held on September 16, 2022. Our preliminary numbers show a full time equivalency (FTE) of 721, which is down 14 from January 2022 count. The Class of 2021 graduated with 68 students and the incoming 4K class has 42 new students. 31 students from the Sparta School District open enrolled to Melrose-Mindoro this fall. We have a total of 76 students that open enrolled out of the district and 96 that open enrolled into the district.

The district is looking into various third party vendors that accept credit card payments for lunch accounts.

Thank you to Mr. Dobbs & Mr. Peterson for their efforts last week in organizing Homecoming activities along with Advisor Aliah Kuehn. This was her first year organizing the event and she did a wonderful job.

The district will be looking at requesting another waiver for an early start in the 2023-2024 school year at a future board meeting/public hearing.

The WASB Regional meeting will be held on Thursday, October 27 at Stoney Creek hotel in Onalaska. Please let Mr. Arzt know if you are interested in attending.

**Open Forum:** Travis Powers asked if there would be discussion about the medication administration policy.

**Finance:** Review of the expenditures and receipts through August. Motion by Whalen, second by Dunn to approve the check summary & vouchers in the amount of \$461,385.45. Motion carried 5-0.

### Other Business:

1. Motion by Zeman, second by Sacia to approve amending the July 25, 2022 meeting minutes that were approved August 22, 2022, with respect to changes to personal leave. The July agenda item referred to personal leave for principals, but the minutes did not specify that it was for the principals. Motion carried 5-0.
2. Motion by Whalen, second by Dunn to approve the early graduation request of Sierra McFarlane. Graduating in January will allow Sierra to complete her AIT training and start college classes in fall 2023. If she is able to do so, she will walk with her classmates during at high school graduation in May. Motion carried 5-0.
3. Motion by Dunn, second by Zeman to approve the revised 22-23 Academic Standards. The revised standards include Finance, Career & technology Education; Art/Music/PE and Technology Standards. Motion carried 5-0.
4. Motion to table the second reading of 453.4 Administering Medications to Students (policy and rule) and to approve/adopt 453.3 Communicable Disease Control policy. Motion carried 5-0.

5. Mr. Arzt updated the board for the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 budgets.
6. Motion by Dunn, second by Sacia to move the November regular board meeting to November 14, 2022. Motion carried 5-0.
7. Motion by Whalen, second by Rozek to accept \$3,745 from the Melrose-Mindoro Youth Volleyball for the purchase of volleyball equipment and \$20,000 from the Friends of Melrose to Fund 80 (Community Service) Motion carried 5-0.
8. Motion by Dunn, second by Zeman to accept the resignation of Les Pfaff as assistant high school boys basketball coach. Motion carried 5-0.
9. Motion by Sacia, second by Dunn to approve hiring the following positions: Scott Scholze as JH/HS paraprofessional/surround care aide; Myla Heller & Hannah Donelson as elementary paraprofessionals; Marissa Edmison, 7<sup>th</sup> Gr. girls volleyball coach; Nick Anker, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls basketball coach; Steve Kurschner as co-head high school wrestling coach and Carlos Briseno as assistant girls high school soccer coach. Motion carried 5-0.
10. Motion by Whalen, second by Zeman to allow administration to create three separate committees for Building & Grounds for Campus Improvements, Staff Compensation, and District Strategic Planning. Motion carried 5-0.
11. 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 7:45p.m.
12. Motion by Zeman, second by Sacia to reconvene to Open Session at 8:02 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.
13. Motion by Dunn, second by Rozek to adjourn at 8:03 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Michelle Murray  
Recorder of Minutes