

## Melrose-Mindoro Board of Education

Special Board Meeting

Monday, April 13, 2020

Board President Rick Paisley called the special board meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Administrators present: Superintendent Jeff Arzt, 7-12<sup>th</sup> Gr. Principal Rick Dobbs and ECH-6<sup>th</sup> Gr. Principal Corey Peterson. Board Members present: Shane Zeman, Terry Blaken, Becky Whalen, Jodi Anderson and Kim Sacia. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Kathy Dunn attended via phone and will not vote on any action item this evening. The meeting was also moved to the JH/SH School Cafeteria to allow for social distancing. All who were present then stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Administrator's Report:** As of today, Governor Evers Safer at Home order is scheduled to expire April 24, 2020. There has not been any discussion extending this order but it may change. Summer school (GEO & remedial classes) along with swimming lessons could possibly be held later in the summer but no decisions are made.

Staff entering the building will have a new procedure starting April 15. They will be required to enter through the elementary or high school office and sign in and record their temperature. If over 100.4, they will be asked to leave the building.

There is discussion about moving the breakfast & lunch delivery to the meal sites to once a week vs. daily.

The district has a YouTube channel created for students to listen to read aloud books. The district library crew has been busy recording books for students to listen to. The link has been posted on the district Facebook page.

**Public Hearing:** State law requires a public hearing to consider the request for a waiver of student hours of instruction along with a waiver for Educator Effectiveness cycle for educators in summary year 19-20, both of which are due to the COVID-19 public health emergency. After there was no public comment for or against the hearing, a motion by Sacia, second by Zeman to approve the waivers for student hours of instruction and educator effectiveness was approved. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Whalen, second by Sacia to approve the revision of the grading point system for 7-12<sup>th</sup> grade students to Pass/No Pass/Incomplete scale for the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter/Second semester grading period. Motion carried 5-0. This is only in effect for the remainder of the 19-20 school year.

Motion by Blaken, second by Anderson to accept the resignation of 7<sup>th</sup> grade Literature/Language teacher Cassandra Engen at the end of the 19-20 school year. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Whalen, second by Sacia to hire Andrew Simon as the 7-12<sup>th</sup> gr. Agriculture teacher. Motion carried 5-0. Motion by Sacia, second by Zeman to hire Building & Grounds/Transportation Director Dan Stetzer. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Whalen, second by Anderson to approve the purchase of a bus. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Sacia, second by Zeman to waive the second reading of Policy 189-Virtual Board Meetings in Emergency Situations. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Blaken, second by Whalen, to approve board policy 189-Virtual Board Meetings in Emergency Situations. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Sacia, second by Blaken to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Michelle Murray  
Recorder of Minutes