

Melrose-Mindoro Board of Education

Regular Monthly Board Meeting

April 22, 2013

Board Vice President Marlane Anderson called to order the regular monthly meeting of the Melrose-Mindoro School Board of Education at 7:00 p.m. Administrators present: Superintendent Del DeBerg, High School Principal Jeff Arzt, K-8 Principal Corey Peterson, Finance Administrator Kim Bobo, Board Members present: Becky Gerdes, Rick Paisley, Joel Konze, Kathy Dunn, Shane Zeman and Terry Blaken.

The Oath of Office was read and signed by Marlane Anderson and new board members Shane Zeman and Terry Blaken. The Election of Officers took place next. Motion by Konze, second by Paisley to elect Marlane Anderson as Board President; motion by Dunn, second by Paisley to elect Joel Konze as Vice-President; motion by Paisley, second by Konze to elect Becky Gerdes as Treasurer, and motion by Gerdes, second by Paisley to elect Kathy Dunn as Board Clerk. All motions carried 7-0.

Motion by Gerdes, second by Dunn to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

Correspondence- None

Administrator's Report

1. Mr. DeBerg officially welcomed Shane Zeman and Terry Blaken to the board as well as congratulating the board members to their newly elected positions on the board. Del, Shane and Terry attended the new board member workshop held as CESA 4 earlier this week.
2. Marlane and Del also attended the Legislative forum also held at CESA 4.
3. Rick Paisley and Kathy Dunn will help hand out diplomas at graduation on May 24.
4. A thank you to the Arnold family and the Mindoro Legion Auxiliary along with the Music parents for making it possible for the band and choir students to play at the state capitol in Madison on April 9.
5. The district will hold a spring garage sale in the very near future. A date has not been set.

Open Forum –Connie Craig spoke in favor of a new trophy case to be built for all athletic/academic trophies at the high school and asked the board to keep in mind that there are empty trophy cases in both elementary buildings.

Finance

Expenditures and Receipts through March were reviewed. Motion by Gerdes, second by Konze to approve the check summary and vouchers in the amount of \$2,250,150.23. Motion carried 7-0. The Cash Flow and Activity accounts were reviewed.

Other Business

1. Mr. DeBerg provided updates to the state and local budgets. For the state budget, the joint finance committee has completed their four city listening sessions. The hot topic at each of these sessions was the possibility of expanding the state vouchers. Locally, the budget numbers show that the district is approximately \$457,300 short going into the 2013-14 school year. Health insurance rates came in more favorable than anticipated and helped reduce the shortfall in the budget.
2. Choir Director Sharon Pfaff and Band Director Erik Hanson gave a brief presentation of their performance at the Capitol on April 9. They were selected to participate in the 'Music in our Schools' program. This was the first time the school was selected. Local representative Jennifer Schilling and Senator Kathleen Vinehout each took time out of their day to watch and gave the students high praise for their performance.
3. Motion by Konze, second by Dunn to approve the 4K program starting with the 2013-14 school year. Motion carried 7-0. Plans right now have it running two days a week, all day with Fridays scheduled for outreach activities.
4. Motion by Paisley, second by Gerdes to approve the summer meal program. Motion carried 7-0. This program will offer breakfast and lunch at the Mindoro building this summer.
5. Amy Ruffi updated the board on the JV soccer program's recent fundraising efforts in the first season of soccer. She thanked the board and community members who have supported their efforts.
6. Motion by Paisley, second by Konze to table the policy for displaying trophies and other awards. Motion carried 7-0. The first reading of a proposed policy was presented before the motion to table was made.
7. Motion by Gerdes, second by Zeman to approve the request to travel outside the 100-mile radius for a field trip. The choir members will be going to Valley Fair on May 18. Motion carried 7-0.

8. Motion by Dunn, second by Paisley to table the recommendation for Junior High Athletic Director. Motion carried 7-0.
9. Motion by Konze, second by Blaken to move the May board meeting to May 20, 2013. Motion carried 7-0.
10. Motion by Gerdes, second by Dunn to approve the request for Augusta School District to join the Dairyland Conference for all events in 2014. Motion carried 7-0.
11. Motion by Gerdes, second by Paisley to approve the bid from First National Bank at 1.60% for the upcoming school year. Motion carried 7-0. The only other bidder was Black River Country Bank. Their offer was 1.65%.
12. Motion by Gerdes, second by Zeman to approve the recommendations for water safety instructors and lifeguards for the 2013 season. Motion carried 7-0.
13. Motion by Paisley, second by Blaken to approve the request for two days of unpaid leave for Deb Hoerres. Motion carried 7-0.
14. Motion by Dunn, second by roll call vote to move to Executive Session at 9:15 p.m. to consider staff employment.
15. Motion by Blaken, second by Konze to return to open session at 9:31 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.
16. Motion by Gerdes, second by Blaken to accept Ruth Pfaff's retirement request at the end of the 2012-13 school year with thanks for her 29 years of service to the district. Motion carried 7-0.
17. Mr. DeBerg asked who would like to be on the Negotiations and Budget committees. Gerdes, Konze, and Zeman will head up the Negotiations team and Dunn, Paisley, and Anderson will be on the Budget committee.
18. Motion by Gerdes, second by Konze to have a standing policy committee. Motion carried 7-0.
19. Motion by Paisley, second by Blaken to adjourn at 9:40 p.m.

Michelle Murray
Recorder of Minutes