

## Melrose-Mindoro Board of Education

Regular Monthly Board Meeting

April 23, 2018

Board President Marlane Anderson called the regular monthly meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

Administrators present: Superintendent Del DeBerg, High School Principal Jeff Arzt, ECH-8<sup>th</sup> Gr. Principal Corey Peterson, Finance Administrator Kim Bobo. Board Members present: Shane Zeman, Rick Paisley, Becky Whalen, Terry Blaken, Kim Sacia and Kathy Dunn.

The board members proceeded to take a tour of the campus construction led by Bryce Sather and Tucker Haag. They are two high school students working for Market & Johnson on the site. The board members returned to the administrative office at 7:15 to continue the meeting.

The Oath of Office was completed by Kathy Dunn & Becky Whalen.

Election of Officers took place with motions made and seconded for Marlane Anderson as President, Rick Paisley as Vice-President, Kathy Dunn as Board Clerk and Becky Whalen as Treasurer. All motions made and carried 6-0.

Motion by Blaken, second by Dunn to approve the minutes from last month's meeting as reported. Motion carried 6-0.

**Correspondence:** Jim Briggs sent thank you cards to the board members for touring the Tech Ed departments and also for their constant support of the department. We recently were awarded a \$700 grant from LaCrosse Area Builders (LABA) in their Tools for Schools grant. Monies were used to purchase an air compressor, nail guns and several hand tools for students to use during classes. A thank you for the memorial to the Joe Zeman family; Joe was Shane Zeman's father. District Wellness Coordinator Mary Lynn Sinclair wanted to comment KG teacher Christina Kurschner, Toni Adams, Shelly Blaken and Sandy Paisley for their fast actions in a recent student medical emergency. The student recovered and is doing well.

### Administrator's Report

1. Through the Gilder Lehrman Seminar, high school Social Studies teacher Jeff Woodward was selected to study the life & writings of Frederick Douglass (1818-95) at Yale University this summer. Douglass was a prominent American abolitionist, author and orator. Congratulations to Mr. Woodward for the opportunity.
2. Thank you to Jeff Gerdes for his \$250 donation towards offsetting the costs associated with the girls' basketball going to state competition.
3. Breakfast with Books will take place May 14 at 8:30 a.m. in the elementary buildings. In past events, board members have signed up to read to students while enjoying breakfast.
4. Safe Schools meeting presented by the school district and Jackson County Sheriff Dept. will be held Wednesday, April 24 at 7:00 in the high school auditorium.
5. The listening session held on April 18 was attended by 35-40 community members in spite of the weather conditions. Members stated they would like the opportunity to walk through the buildings a final time. Dates to be scheduled in the near future.
6. Graduation ceremonies will be on Friday, May 18 at 7:30 p.m.

**Open Forum:** Tory Lockington requested the board members to allow him the opportunity to speak during the closed session regarding football. Senior Lip Syncs were held yesterday (4-22) and once again, the students did a great job.

**Finance:** Review of the expenditures and receipts through March. There were no budget changes. Motion by Whalen, second by Sacia to approve the check summary & vouchers in the amount of \$3,159,499.65. Motion carried 6-0.

### **Other Business**

1. Updates to the consolidated campus were presented by Mr. DeBerg. Flashing beacon signs will be installed by La Crosse County Highway Dept. near the high school in both LaCrosse & Jackson Counties for approximately \$5,122.50. Options to consider purchasing and installing new high school lockers, remodeling the high school hallway lighting & ceiling, and installing a fueling station on site were discussed. A motion by Sacia, second by Paisley to purchase 276 15" lockers not to exceed \$62,750. Motion carried 6-0. Motion by Paisley, second by Dunn to table both the high school hallway lighting & ceiling and fueling station options. Motion carried 6-0.
2. A review of the 17-18 budget showed that things are looking good with the exception of more LP use due to the colder winter. Still coming in under budget.
3. Motion by Zeman, second by Sacia to change the May board meeting to Wednesday, May 23. Motion carried 6-0. This is due to the Memorial Day holiday falling on the fourth Monday.
4. Motion by Whalen, second by Blaken to accept the resignations of Jeff Arzt as high school principal, Kim Strittmater as 6<sup>th</sup> grade Math teacher and Cheri Timm as Melrose building custodian, all at the end of the 17-18 school year. Motion carried 6-0.
5. Motion by Dunn, second by Sacia to approve the one year leave of absence for head softball coach Deanna Stanton. Motion carried 6-0.
6. Motion by Paisley, second by Whalen to hire Jennifer Hermanson as the interim head softball coach. Motion carried 6-0.
7. Motion by Dunn, second by Sacia to hire Lesley Thompson as the 7-12 Athletic Director starting in the 18-19 school year. Motion carried 6-0.
8. Motion by Dun second by Zeman to hire Brianna Gilboy as the 7<sup>th</sup> grade Lit/Lang teacher for the 18-19 school year. Motion carried 6-0.
9. Motion by Whalen, second by Sacia to approve WI Counties Association as the health and dental insurance provider for the 18-19 school year. The premiums remain the same as 17-18. Motion carried 5-0 with Blaken abstaining.
10. Motion by Blaken, second by Sacia to accept the \$2500 donation from the Youth Basketball program to help defray the costs to send the girls basketball team to state. Motion carried 6-0.
11. Motion by Blaken, second by Zeman to purchase 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade science textbooks for a cost of approximately \$6,145. Motion carried 6-0.
12. Motion by Sacia, second by Whalen to appoint Marlane Anderson as our district's CESA 4 annual convention representative. Motion carried 6-0.
13. Motion by Sacia, second by Dunn to hire the water safety instructors (WSI) and lifeguards for the 2018 swim season. Head guard will receive \$10.50/hr and lifeguards will receive .25/hr increase based on years of service. WSI will also receive a .25/hr increase over last year's rate of \$14.02. Motion carried 5-0 with Paisley abstaining.
14. With the amount of recent snow days causing school to be canceled or delayed, the last day for students will now be on Thursday, May 24. In order for teachers to meet contractual obligations, they will need to be at school through May 30. (Due to the two hour delay after

the board agenda was published) This day, however may be 'flexed' as long as the time is put in by June 8. Motion by Whalen, second by Zeman to approve this option for teachers.

Motion carried 6-0.

15. Motion by Zeman, second by roll call vote to adjourn to Executive Session per WI Statute 19.85 1(c)(e)(f) to consider employment matter and specific issues at 8:35 p.m.
16. Motion by Paisley, second by Dunn to reconvene to Open Session at 10:20 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.
17. Motion by Blaken, second by Paisley to adjourn at 10:20 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Michelle Murray  
Recorder of Minutes