

Melrose-Mindoro Board of Education

Regular Monthly Board Meeting

April 24, 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, Terry Blaken, Rick Paisley, Becky Whalen, Kathy Dunn and Kim Sacia.

The Oath of Office was read and signed by Kim Sacia & Rick Paisley.

Election of officers: Marlane Anderson as President, Richard Paisley as Vice-President, Kathy Dunn as Clerk, and Becky Whalen as Treasurer. Motions were made and all were elected unanimously.

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

Correspondence: None.

Administrator's Report

1. Thank you card from the family of former teacher Stain Strainis who passed away March 4, 2017. An \$80 donation to the high school science department from Pam Varghese and family in memory of Stan and Rod Vaningan was also received.
2. Gov. Walker is asking all school superintendents and board members to support a per pupil increase in the upcoming budget.
3. Rick Paisley and Kathy Dunn offered to hand out diplomas at graduation on May 26 at 7:30 p.m.

Open Forum: Tim Kunes asked if there will be contact information for board members on the district website. Mr. DeBerg stated there would be as soon as the updating of the website is completed.

Finance: Expenditures and Receipts through March were reviewed and a motion by Whalen, second by Dunn to approve the check summary and vouchers in the amount of \$1,455,629.10. Motion carried 6-0. The Cash Flow and, Activity accounts were reviewed.

Other Business

1. Mr. DeBerg along with Clint Selle from Bray Architects and Craig Namyst from Market & Johnson handed out schematic design proposals for construction. Phase 1 bids are due Thursday, March 27 at 2:00 pm. Phase 1 consists of secured entrance along with remodeling of office, classroom and music space.
2. After discussion about current generator on site and the large cost of a new one (\$600,000 to run 'off the grid') a motion was made by Whalen, second by Zeman to continue to use the current generator. This generator will be considered a 'life/safety' generator meaning that it will light hallways and provide power to freezer, cooler, data closets, etc. The current generator will have to be converted to a different voltage to do so. The payback for a new generator would be 30 years and was not considered feasible.
3. Motion by Blaken, second by Whalen to approved contracting with asbestos abatement contractor(s) once accurate bids are received. Motion carried 6-0. Asbestos abatement bids are in but there were some areas in the building that weren't accessible at the time of these

- bids. Work is tentatively scheduled to start June 14 and work is anticipated to be completed within two weeks.
4. The 2016-17 budget is looking good with the fund balance not expected to decrease as dramatically as originally forecast.
 5. Motion by Paisley, second by Sacia to appoint Marlane Anderson as the district's CESA 4 representative. Motion carried 6-0.
 6. Park & Rec Director Sandy Paisley was present to request an increase in hourly wages for lifeguards at the pool. Area pools are paying between \$1.00-2.75 more than what the Melrose pool pays and it is affecting the ability to hire lifeguards. Motion by Blaken, second by Sacia to increase lifeguard wages to \$8.00 per hour plus .25 for each year of experience. Head guard will start out at \$9.00 per hour with .25 for each year of experience. Water safety instructors will remain at last year's rates of \$14.02 per hour. Lifeguards and water safety instructors were also approved for the 2017 season. Motion carried 6-0.
 7. Short term borrowing bids were received by First National Bank (1.97%) and Black River Country Bank (2.75%) for the upcoming year. Motion by Zeman, second by Paisley to approve First National Bank's rate of 1.97%. Motion carried 5-0 with Blaken abstaining.
 8. Motion by Sacia, second by Whalen to open a checking account for the consolidated campus expenses. Motion carried 6-0.
 9. Motion by Whalen, second by Sacia to accept the retirement of custodian Kay Pfaff after 30 years of service and also the resignation of part time custodian Jen Zolper. Motion carried 6-0.
 10. Motion by Dunn, second by Blaken to hire Heather Dokkebaken as special education aide. Motion carried 6-0.
 11. Motion by Paisley, second by Zeman to have a Special Meeting on May 10 at 5:45 p.m. to formally accept Phase 1 bids. Motion carried 6-0.
 12. Motion by Paisley, second by Sacia to change health insurance carrier from WEA to WI Counties Association Group Health Trust (WCA) for the 17-18 school year. Dental insurance will be moved from Delta Dental to WCA also for the same time frame. Rates will decrease with more wellness benefits for health insurance. Motion carried 5-0 with Blaken abstaining.
 13. Motion from Blaken, second by Whalen to formally accept \$1,000 donation from the Melrose/North Bend Chapter of Whitetails Unlimited. Motion carried 6-0.
 14. Motion by Paisley, second by Blaken to approve Sharon Pfaff's request for students and her to travel outside the 100-mile radius in order to attend the theater in Fort Atkinson to see the play 'South Pacific'. Motion carried 6-0.
 15. In an effort to become more efficient there was discussion about making the high school nighttime custodian a full time benefitted position in 17-18 along with the Mindoro custodian becoming a part-time position.
 16. Motion by Whalen, second by Paisley to adjourn at 9:00 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Michelle Murray
Recorder of Minutes