

## **Melrose-Mindoro Board of Education**

Regular Monthly Board Meeting

April 27, 2015

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-8 Principal Corey Peterson, Finance Administrator Kim Bobo. Board Members present: Becky Whalen, Shane Zeman and Terry Blaken, Rick Paisley, Kathy Dunn, and Kim Sacia.

The Oath of Office was given to Becky Whalen and Kathy Dunn by Deputy Board Clerk Michelle Murray.

Election of Officers: Motions were made and seconded unanimously to elect Marlane Anderson as Board President, Rick Paisley as Vice President, Kathy Dun as Board Clerk, and Becky Whalen as Board Treasurer.

Motion by Sacia, second by Blaken to approve the minutes from last month's meeting with changes. Motion carried 7-0.

**Correspondence:** None

### **Administrator's Report**

1. Reporter Ryan Spear from the Banner Journal was introduced.
2. The generator at the high school has been tested and passed all compliance tests. However, it is late in doing so and the district is being charged an additional \$9,500 for the time the district was in non-compliance. This is due to Titan Energies not being able to complete the work in the state mandated time frame. Mr. DeBerg is researching options to alleviate this charge.
3. April water samples at the high school required the well to be treated and test re-run. Bottled water was provided to staff and students for drinking until two safe tests were completed.
4. Mr. DeBerg held an open invite for interested parents and community members to voice any concerns or ask questions about the district. A total of five people showed up and were curious about the athletic complex and one had a busing comment. Mr. DeBerg hopes to have more of these events in the future.
5. Marlane, Rick and Becky will be on the stage for graduation ceremonies on May 22. Mr. DeBerg reminded everyone that the ceremony has been moved from 8:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. this year.
6. Mr. DeBerg updated the board on recent WIAA stat annual meeting.
7. A Budget committee meeting will be held on Friday, May 1, 2015 at 7:00 a.m.

**Open Forum-** Marlane attended the FFA Banquet and was very impressed with all the events and activities that the FFA participates in. Nice job by the whole group.

### **Finance**

Expenditures and Receipts through March were reviewed. Motion Whalen, second by Dunn to approve the check summary and vouchers in the amount of \$1,456,241.80. Motion carried 7-0. The Cash Flow and Activity accounts were reviewed.

### **Other Business**

1. The state budget continues to evolve. There are no solid numbers relating to education funding but hopefully the final budget will be signed mid-June. Education bills in the senate and assembly are being debated now as well.
2. H & H Civil Engineering is scheduled to start on the athletic complex this Wednesday. The dirt from the inside of the track will be moved to the large soccer field instead of offsite for a savings of approximately \$6,500. This will be beneficial for soccer field by providing better quality dirt to grow grass. H & H will landscape, seed, and feed the soccer field.
3. Formal recognition is given for Tech Ed teacher Jim Briggs. He is one of the Herb Kohl Educational Scholarship Fellows.
4. Motion by Blaken, second by Whalen to move the May board meeting to May 18 due to the Memorial Day holiday. Motion carried 7-0

5. Marlane Anderson volunteered to be the CESA 4 annual convention representative. All were in favor and thanked her for volunteering.
6. Motion by Whalen, second by Paisley to accept the resignations of professional staff members Curriculum Coordinator Char Lemke, Occupational Therapist Mary Hansen, and High School Special Education teacher Steven Miller. Mr. Miller's resignation is based on whether or not he successfully completes a licensure requirement. If he is successful, the resignation is rescinded. Motion carried 7-0.
7. Motion by Whalen, second by Dunn to reduce Early Childhood teacher Nikki Zeman from full time teacher to 50% time for the 2015-16 school year due to low class size. Motion carried 7-0.
8. Motion by Dunn, second by Blaken to accept the resignation of kitchen helper Kristen Waughtal. Motion carried 7-0.
9. Motion by Sacia, second by Whalen to accept the resignation of assistant volleyball coach Marie Sonsalla. Motion carried 7-0.
10. Motion by Dunn, second by Sacia to approve the lifeguards and water safety instructors for the 2015 summer season. Sandy Paisley to receive a \$200 increase in pay. Motion carried 6-0 with Paisley abstaining.
11. Motion by Blaken, second by Paisley to hire Rochell Sterken as kitchen helper. Motion carried 7-0.
12. Motion by Paisley, second by Sacia to approve 1 ½ days without pay to Jay Everson in order to attend his daughter's graduation ceremony. Motion carried 7-0.
13. Motion by Whalen, second by Zeman to consider an interim curriculum coordinator for the upcoming year. Motion carried 7-0. Mr. DeBerg commented that the full time position that was approved at February's meeting may not be warranted.
14. Motion by Dunn, second by Sacia to approve the 7<sup>th</sup> grade students to go to the Minnesota Zoo for their field trip, which is outside the 100-mile radius allowed. Motion carried 7-0.
15. Motion by Blaken, second by Paisley to accept Melrose Farm Service as the propane provider for the 2015-16 school year with a quote of .83.63 cents/gal. Other quotes from Allied were \$1.05/gal. and Federation Co-Op at .99/gal. Motion carried 7-0.
16. Motion by Dunn, second by Blaken to table the 2016-2017 propane bid. Motion carried 7-0. This bid was not requested by the district and was only given by one of the bidders.
17. Mr. DeBerg indicated that there was no need for an Executive Session. Motion by Whalen, second by Paisley to not go into Executive Session. Motion carried 7-0.
18. Motion by Paisley, second by Sacia to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

Michelle Murray, Recorder of Minutes