

Melrose-Mindoro Board of Education

Regular Monthly Board Meeting

Monday, April 27, 2020

Board President Rick Paisley called the regular monthly meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Administrators present: Superintendent Jeff Arzt, ECH-6th Gr. Principal Corey Peterson and Finance Administrator Kim Bobo. Board Members present: Shane Zeman, Terry Blaken, Becky Whalen, Jodi Anderson and Kim Sacia. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Kathy Dunn attended via Google Hangouts. The public was also allowed to connect to the meeting virtually through Google Hangouts. All who were present then stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Rick Paisley & Kim Sacia took the Oath of Office prior to the start of tonight's meeting. They were re-elected to the board in the Spring election held earlier this month.

The election of officers took place. Motion by Zeman, second by Sacia to elect Rick Paisley as the board president. Motion carried 6-0. Motion by Sacia, second by Anderson to elect Shane Zeman as vice president. Motion carried 6-0. Motion by Whalen, second by Sacia to elect Kathy Dunn as board clerk. Motion carried 5-0 with Dunn abstaining. Motion by Blaken, second by Zeman to elect Becky Whalen as board treasurer. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Blaken, second by Sacia to approve the minutes from last month's meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

Correspondence: None

Administrator's Report: Governor Evers' 'Safer at Home' order was extended to May 26 but all schools are closed for the remainder of the academic year which ends June 30, 2020. High School Principal Rick Dobbs is working with Jack Taylor to create a virtual graduation ceremony and video for our seniors along with tentative dates for an actual graduation ceremony in July or August. This will depend on what restrictions to gather together are in place at the time. As part of the current order, no more than 10 people can gather in one area. This order also causes GEO classes to either be cancelled or pushed into July and combined with remedial classes typically held in August. The new tentative dates for GEO/Remedial classes would be July 20-31. Area pools are closed for the summer so swim lessons may not occur this year. More information will be coming in the future.

The high school gym floor has been refinished this past week and air conditioning in the high school is nearing completion as well.

Mr. Arzt made the comment that state legislators are interested in the fund balance of the school districts in the state as a possible way to reduce state aid for districts with high fund balances due to the pandemic. Our district is in a unique position as approximately 14.7% of our entire budget is in the fund balance and we short term borrow. Not many districts do so and have much higher fund balances.

Thank you to the North Bend Lions for the \$250 contribution to the district to help a student receive new glasses.

Once a week food delivery will start tomorrow, April 28. Students will receive five days of food each Tuesday until the end of the school year.

Mr. Arzt is reviewing the 2020-2021 insurance plans and will have his recommendation at next month's meeting.

Building & Grounds Director Dan Stetzer has started work and is doing well. He is getting to know his staff and familiarize himself with the building and systems.

The administrative team meets once or twice a week to discuss the latest school information provided through webinars from state level leaders. Information is rapidly changing and the team wants to make the best decisions for our students. Please feel free to contact Mr. Arzt with any questions or concerns.

Open Forum: Kim Sacia asked for clarification about the pass/no pass/fail system and whether it applied to 4th quarter grades only or if it is for the second semester. Semester grades are the only grades that are reported and second semester grades for the 19-20 school year will not be used to calculate GPA.

Finance: Review of the expenditures and receipts through March. Motion by Whalen, second by Zeman to approve the check summary & vouchers in the amount of \$969,086.07. Motion carried 5-0.

Other Business:

1. Motion by Whalen, second by Anderson to change the date of the May board meeting from May 25 to May 18 due to the Memorial Day holiday. Motion carried 5-0.
2. Mr. Arzt would like to move ahead with the waiver request for an early start to the 2020-2021 school year but if we can't meet face-to-face, students would start school on September 1, as currently scheduled. A public meeting can be scheduled for the next board meeting in May.
3. Motion by Whalen, second by Anderson to approve hiring the water safety instructors and lifeguards for the 2020 summer season. They will receive a \$.25 increase over hourly rate if they worked last year and Park & Rec Director Sandy Paisley is to receive \$300 increase in salary. If the pool doesn't open this summer, wages will carry over to the 2021 season. Motion carried 5-0.
4. Motion by Zeman, second by Sacia to pay spring sports head coaches 25% of their regular pay and \$150 to assistant coaches. (Track & Field, Baseball, Softball and Girls Soccer). These coaches will stay at their current BA step/lane placement for the 2020-21 spring season. WIAA cancelled spring sports at their April 21 meeting. Motion carried 5-0.
5. Motion by Whalen, second by Blake to accept the resignation of 7-12th grade teacher Jill Gunderson. Motion carried 5-0. There were no support staff resignations or retirements to act on.
6. Motion by Whalen, second by Sacia to appoint Jodi Anderson as our CESA 4 annual convention representative. Motion carried 5-0.
7. Motion by Dunn, second by Zeman to adjourn at 7:53 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Michelle Murray
Recorder of Minutes