

Melrose-Mindoro Board of Education
Regular Monthly Board Meeting
August 28, 2023

CONVENE

Board President Rick Paisley called the regular monthly meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Administrators present: Superintendent Deanna Wiatt, 7-12th Gr. Principal Rick Dobbs, ECH-6th Gr. Principal Corey Peterson, Finance Administrator Casey Pfaff. Board Members present: Terry Blaken, Becky Whalen, Kim Sacia, Geoff Rozek, Shane Zeman & Kathy Dunn. All who were present then stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Teachers returned for staff development August 17-22. The first two days of school for students were extremely warm with the heat index well over 110 degrees. Inside recess was held. Water was provided for all students riding the bus home and outdoor athletic practices were either canceled or held indoors.

News Channel 8 was in the district to interview Deanna Wiatt about her position and the new district superintendent and District Mechanic Brant Young about the electric bus the district will be getting very soon.

Dr. Fran Finco will be in the district on September 5 and September 19 to present information relating to board development.

With the passing of AB233, school board members can now serve as volunteer bus drivers if anyone is interested in doing so.

CONNECTION WITH THE COMMUNITY

- a. **Correspondence:** Thank you cards from Diane O Olson and Morgan Teale. Both of their fathers passed away recently. Betty Kirchner & Ilene Pavelko thanked the board and administration for the invitation to the retiree lunch held prior to the start of school.
- b. **Public Comment:** None.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- a. **Minutes from the previous month's Regular Board Meeting:** Motion by Zeman, second by Blaken, to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Motion carried 6-0.
- b. **Finance:** Review of the expenditures and receipts through July. Motion by Whalen, second by Sacia to approve the check summary & vouchers in the amount of \$1,685,319.21. Motion carried 6-0.
- c. **Personnel Report:**
Resignations: Motion by Blaken, second by Dunn to approve the resignations of Paraprofessional Emily Wolf. Emily will continue to coach volleyball. Paraprofessional & Surround Care Coordinator Amber Maly, Bus Driver Joe Rochester, Junior High Head Football Coach Chris Fry, Academic & Career Planning Advisor Steve Kurschner. Zach Severson was hired at last month's meeting as the assistant junior high football coach and is resigning this position in order to be considered for the co-head junior high football coach. Motion carried 6-0.
Hiring: Motion by Whalen, second by Sacia to hire the following positions: Food Service Tallie Kurlinkus, Custodian Devon Windsor, Zach Severson & Peter Kaz as co-head junior high football coaches; Scott Scholze & Carl Wortman as assistant junior high football coaches and Allison Boudry as Academic & Career Planning Advisor. Motion carried 6-0.

DISCUSS AND/OR TAKE ACTION

- a. **Junior High School Athletic Handbook:** Motion by Sacia, second by Blaken to approve changes as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

- b. **High School Athletic Handbook:** Motion by Sacia, second by Blaken to approve changes as presented. Motion carried 6-0.
- c. **ECH-6th Student Handbook:** Minor changes due to new staff. Motion by Whalen, second by Sacia to approve changes as presented. Motion carried 6-0.
- d. **7-12th Student Handbook:** Minor changes due to new staff. Motion by Blaken, second by Zeman to approve changes as presented. Motion carried 6-0.
- e. **Student requesting reduced schedules:** Motion by Dunn, second by Zeman to approve the requests for reduced schedules for Abigail Sackmaster, Maveryk Krueger, Rachael Spors and Ethan Christianson. Motion carried 6-0.
- f/h. **Discuss School Perception Survey & Discuss FEMA Building & Grant Application Process:** These items were discussed jointly. The interior design/needs of this FEMA building need to be determined prior to the architects drawing up building plans. District would like to survey the community to help determine what the greatest needs are for this building. Community input is important.
- g. **Discuss Board Policies Update Procedure-NEOLA:** District would like to have policies listed on our district website. NEOLA and WASB, who is our current provider, both offer options to help streamline this process and the ability to update policies as warranted.
- i. **Consider Unpaid Professional Staff Leave Requests:** Both Sylva Hanson & Lindsay Rozek have requested unpaid leave in order to attend the Music trip April 1-5, 2024. Motion by Zeman, second by Dunn to approve their requested time off. Motion carried 5-0 with Rozek abstaining.
- j. **Accept Donation from Friends of Melrose:** Motion by Whalen, second by Sacia to accept two donations from the Friends of Melrose for a total of \$22,000 (\$15,102.47 & \$6,897.53) Motion carried 6-0.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board will discuss, consider and, if appropriate, take action pursuant to Wis. Stats §19.85(1) (c) "Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility." Motion made by Sacia, second by roll call vote to adjourn at 7:07 p.m. Motion by Whalen, second by Rozek to reconvene to Open Session at 8:11 p.m. Motion carried 5-0; Blaken was absent.

The board, if appropriate, will return to open session following the closed session to take action on the items discussed in the closed session. Motion by Sacia, second by Whalen to approve the administrative employment information as presented. Motion carried 5-0; Blaken was absent.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Rozek, second by Dunn to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. Motion carried 5-0; Blaken was absent.

Michelle Murray
Recorder of Minutes