

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

Regular Monthly Board Meeting

December 23, 2013

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

Motion by Dunn, second by Zeman to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

**Correspondence-** Thank you from the family of Pliny Peterson for the memorial gift. His wife, Ardella, works in the Melrose kitchen.

### **Administrator's Report**

1. The IRS examination is complete and all questions regarding retirement language have been resolved.
2. Mr. DeBerg asked for one of the board members to volunteer to sit on the Negotiations committee and Terry Blaken agreed to do so.
3. The winter district newsletter will be online only unless community members notified the district they still wish to receive a paper copy. A few have done so but going to an online version saves time, paper and money.
4. School Facts '13 prepared by CESA 4 was on the table for board members to review.

**Open Forum-**Marlane Anderson received a comment from a concerned parent regarding the differences between the Melrose and Mindoro elementary students going outside in colder weather. Current policy states that students will be inside for recess when the temperature or the wind chill is zero or below. In another matter, congratulations to the Music Department for the recent winter concerts. All were very enjoyable!

### **Finance**

Expenditures and Receipts through November were reviewed. Motion by Gerdes, second by Dunn to approve the check summary and vouchers in the amount of \$1,819,668.86. Motion carried 7-0. The Cash Flow and Activity accounts were reviewed.

### **Other Business**

1. Motion by Blaken, second by Gerdes to accept the resignations of assistant track and field coaches Gabe Schmidt and Jenna Johnson. Motion carried 7-0.
2. Motion by Dunn, second by Paisley to accept the resignation of support staff member Jen Lefler. Motion carried 7-0.
3. Motion by Paisley, second by Sacia to approve "Option B" of the 2014-15 school calendar. This calendar provides four, 2-hour late starts for students on October 10, December 12, February 13, and April 10. This time will be used for professional development of staff. Motion carried 7-0.
4. Motion by Gerdes, second by Zeman to revise the WEA 403(b) catch up provision language. Motion carried 7-0.
5. Motion by Dunn, second by Sacia to approve the revisions to the policies regarding the meeting dates of the regular board meetings, how members are paid, and when the annual meeting will be held. These updates reconcile what we actually do as to what was listed in older policies. Motion carried 7-0.
6. Motion by Gerdes, second by Blaken to approve the modified second semester schedule for Megan Murray. Motion carried 7-0.
7. Mr. DeBerg shared with the board members the 'rolling three year' averages of our student enrollment. Numbers are increasing and the addition of the 4K program has really helped.
8. Motion by Gerdes, second by roll call vote to adjourn to Executive Session 19.85 (1)(c) to consider employment evaluation of district administration at 7:43 p.m. Motion carried.
9. Motion by Paisley, second by Sacia to return to Open Session at 8:30 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.
10. Motion by Gerdes, second by Blaken, to adjourn at 8:31 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

Michelle Murray  
Recorder of Minutes