

## Melrose-Mindoro Board of Education

Regular Monthly Board Meeting

February 27, 2017

A large number of community members were present so the meeting was moved to the high school auditorium in order to accommodate everyone. Similar to last month, signage was posted on administrative office door where the meeting is usually held as well as throughout the building. Board President Marlane Anderson called the regular monthly meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. Administrators present: Superintendent Del DeBerg, High School Principal Jeff Arzt, ECH-8<sup>th</sup> Gr Principal Corey Peterson, Finance Administrator Kim Bobo. Board Members present: Shane Zeman, Terry Blaken, Rick Paisley, Becky Whalen, Kathy Dunn and Kim Sacia.

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

**Correspondence:** None.

### Administrator's Report

1. Mel-Min/G-E-T Titan wrestling team has a state champion. Congratulations to Dakotah Daffinson for winning in the 220-lb. division.
2. Girls Basketball team is the Dairyland Conference champs—congratulations again. They play again tonight in regional competition against C-FC.
3. The high school Mock Trial team qualified for state. This is the second year for the program.
4. All high school juniors statewide will be taking the ACT test tomorrow.
5. Mr. DeBerg would like to schedule a budget committee meeting in March. More information and date will be sent to committee members.
6. Mr. DeBerg handed out Gov. Walker's budget highlights sheet for review.

**Open Forum:** Tory Lockington requested the board to consider allowing the junior high football team to play a four-game schedule with teams outside the school. Last year, they were allowed to play one. He also requested to add a fourth paid coach to the high school football roster. Currently, we are the only school without one. Finally, he asked permission to look into starting a Mustang Hall of Fame. While all these items don't need to be acted on immediately, he would ask the Board to have them on a future agenda.

Kathy Dunn offered congratulations to all the students who participated in the junior high solo ensemble competition held this past weekend at the high school.

### Finance

Expenditures and Receipts through January were reviewed and a motion by Whalen, second by Sacia to approve the check summary and vouchers in the amount of \$3,081,224.92. Motion carried 6-0. The Cash Flow and, Activity accounts were reviewed.

### Other Business

1. Arlen Stern asked the board to consider a request to suspend construction of the consolidated campus. The request died due to a lack of a motion.
2. Mr. DeBerg discussed the elementary buildings and consolidated campus. He has been in contact with a couple of realtors to find out the best way to go about selling the buildings if a decision is made to do so. He would like to invite community members to be involved if

there is any interest. More will be discussed in the listening session scheduled to begin immediately at the conclusion of this regular school board meeting.

3. Only one timber bid was received by Jelenick Trucking. Motion by Sacia, second by Zeman to award the timber bid to Jelenick Trucking. Motion carried 6-0.
4. Motion by Blaken, second by Whalen to approve the modified schedule requests for Tanner Przybylski and Ben Stumlin. Motion carried 6-0.
5. Motion by Dunn, second by Paisley to approve the field trip requests to travel outside 100-mile radius in the 17-18 school year. They are for the 7<sup>th</sup> grade students to travel the Minnesota Zoo and the 4<sup>th</sup> grader to the Wisconsin capital. Motion carried 6-0.
6. Due to the number of snow days we have had this year (6) a motion by Whalen, second by Zeman to modify the current school calendar. March 10 will now be a full day for students vs. a two-hour late start. If there is another snow day needed prior to March 23, ten minutes will be added to the day (five minutes at the beginning and five minutes at the end of the day) beginning fourth quarter. Motion carried 6-0.
7. Motion by Sacia, second by roll call vote to adjourn to Executive Session 19.85 (1) (c) to considering financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of employees at 5:35 p.m.
8. Motion by Zeman, second by Paisley to reconvene to Open Session at 5:55 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.
9. Motion by Dunn, second by Whalen to hire Linda Heimdahl for the three-day per week kitchen helper position. She currently works two days and her position will now be five days per week. Motion carried 6-0.
10. Motion by Paisley, second by Dunn to accept the resignation from Marlene Vaningan as head Golf coach and Kari Johnson as the Junior High Athletic Director at the conclusion of the 16-17 school year. Motion by Blaken, second by Sacia to approve the following coaching positions: Assistant Football-Derrick Kneifl; Head Baseball- Joey Arneson; Assistant Baseball- Steve Hruza; and Assistant Softball-Heather Sullivan. Both motions carried 6-0.
11. Motion by Blaken, second by Paisley to accept the retirement of Mindoro custodian Debbie Peterson with many thanks. Motion carried 6-0. Motion by Dunn, second by Blaken to accept the resignation of special education secretary Becky Morabito. Motion carried 6-0.
12. Motion by Sacia, second by Zeman to suspend the 2017 Golf program until a home course and coach can be found. The Riverbend Golf Course has been the home course but will not be available. Motion carried 6-0.
13. Motion by Zeman, second by Dunn to adjourn at 6:00 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Michelle Murray  
Recorder of Minutes