

## Melrose-Mindoro Board of Education

Regular Monthly Board Meeting

Monday, February 25, 2019

Board President Marlane Anderson called the regular monthly meeting to order at 5:30 p.m., due to the girls basketball regional final being rescheduled from Saturday to tonight starting at 7:00 p.m. Administrators present: Superintendent Jeff Arzt, Jr/Sr. High School Principal Rick Dobbs, ECH-6<sup>th</sup> Gr. Principal Corey Peterson, Finance Administrator Kim Bobo. Board Members present: Shane Zeman, Terry Blaken, Becky Whalen, Rick Paisley, Kathy Dunn, and Kim Sacia. All who were present then stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Whalen, second by Sacia to approve the minutes from last month's meeting. Motion carried 6-0.

A change in the order of action items allowed the board to approve the signing of the Intergovernmental Agreement with Jackson County Sheriff's Department to share costs of a School Resource Deputy (SRD). These costs will be shared between our district and ACHM and BRF school districts, the Ho-Chunk Nation and Jackson County Sheriff's Dept. Motion by Paisley, second by Zeman to approve signing the agreement with the Jackson County Sheriff's Department. Motion carried 6-0.

**Correspondence:** We received a thank you card from Sylva Hanson. In it, she thanked the board for the memorial gift given to her after her mother, Margaret Jacobus, passed away. She also thanked the district for being supportive throughout her mother's illness.

**Administrator's Report:** Due to the number of instructional days lost to weather, 15 minutes will be added to each day starting March 4. In addition, the following days will be added to the school calendar March 15, June 3, 4 and 5. Of course, this will be revisited if school needs to be cancelled in the future. The teaching staff is contracted for 190 days and administration asked the board for flexibility when scheduling contract time. Administration would like to meet with staff after school or on scheduled days off to meet the required 190 days.

Almost the entire staff participated in ALICE training on February 15. This was a great first step in our journey to becoming a safer school. Various scenarios were played out and the next step will be working on these scenarios with students.

Congratulations to Janet Woodward for being recognized as the March 'Top Notch Teacher'. She was nominated by one of her students. Also congratulations to our student athletes & musicians. The Girls & Boys Basketball teams along with the Wrestling team were recognized as conference champs for the past two years. Individual wrestlers competed at state last weekend and Colton Sime was among the wrestlers. He has been to state six times in the past two years competing in individual wrestling, team wrestling and track as well as cross country and possibly track this spring. Juniors took the ACT and ACT Work Keys tests last week, band and choir students competed in solo ensemble this past Saturday in Bangor.

The band & choir directors approached Mr. Arzt requesting to consider scheduling music concerts on a Sunday afternoon. No decision at this time but it would help alleviate competing for nights during the week.

The JH Robotics team placed second and fifth out of 27 teams at the VEX robotics competition held in Whitehall on Saturday. High School Robotics will compete at Western Technical College on March 22.

The district will be meeting with Jackson Electric to better understand how the districts electrical costs are calculated. We have noticed higher electrical costs associated with the lights on the football field.

**Open Forum:** Tim Kunes asked the school board for permission to add a valve on the school water holding tank to allow the Melrose Fire Department quick access to water during an emergency.

**Finance:** Review of the expenditures and receipts through January. Motion by Whalen, second by Dunn to approve the check summary & vouchers in the amount of \$2,759,090.15. Motion carried 6-0.

#### **Other Business**

1. Stein Counseling will present in March. They were unable to meet tonight at 5:30 p.m.
2. Building & Ground Director Tony Proft presented highlights from last year as well as a list of items that need attention this year. The most notable highlight was moving the contents of the Melrose & Mindoro buildings to our united campus. This required a large amount of manpower and kept the staff and volunteers busy all summer.
3. Motion by Zeman, second by Sacia to approve the requests for 4<sup>th</sup> grade students to travel to Madison in the fall. The trip requires permission since it outside of 100-mile radius. Motion carried 6-0.
4. Motion by Whalen, second by Sacia to approve Football Coach Tory Lockington's request to allow the football team to travel to Ladysmith to attend an overnight camp. Motion carried 6-0.
5. The first reading of the Open Enrollment Policy took place.
6. Motion by Dunn, second by Zeman, to table the request to hire a JH/SH Business Education teacher but to approve the posting of a special education teacher position for the 19-20 school year. Motion carried 6-0.
7. Motion by Whalen, second by Sacia to approve the changes presented to the curriculum handbook. Changes included the addition of an English 11 course, several high school business courses and minor wording changes. Motion carried 6-0.
8. Motion by Dunn, second by Zeman to amend the early release policy for the 18-19 spring sports. Motion carried 6-0. Due the added minutes to the school day starting March 4, it will make it difficult for students to get to athletic competitions in time to compete. Students will be released no later than 3:15 p.m.
9. Motion by Blaken, second by Whalen to approve the resignation of Library Aide Dawn Rand and JV Volleyball Coach Darcy Sawyer. Motion carried 6-0.
10. Motion by Sacia, second by Blaken to approve hiring Denise Scholze as a special education aide. Motion carried 6-0.
11. Motion by Zeman, second by roll call vote to adjourn to Executive Session 19.85 1(f) to consider a student disciplinary matter at 6:40 p.m.
12. Motion by Paisley, second by Sacia to reconvene to open session at 6:57 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.
13. Motion by Anderson, second by Sacia to adjourn at 7:00 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Michelle Murray  
Recorder of Minutes