

Melrose-Mindoro Board of Education

Regular Monthly Board Meeting

January 26, 2015

Board President Marlane Anderson called the regular monthly meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Administrators present: Superintendent Del DeBerg, High School Principal Jeff Arzt, ECH-8 Principal Corey Peterson, Finance Administrator Kim Bobo. Board Members present: Becky Gerdes, Shane Zeman and Terry Blaken, Rick Paisley, Kathy Dunn, and Kim Sacia.

Motion by Gerdes, second by Sacia to approve the minutes from last month's meeting as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

Correspondence: None

Administrator's Report

1. CESA 4 Administrator Guy Leavitt will be retiring at the end of the 14-15 school year. A search is on for his replacement.
2. Congratulations to the Academic Decathlon team for their second place finish at regionals. They will be heading to state competition March 12-13.
3. This year is the first year that all high school juniors in the state are required to take the ACT + Writing test. Test date is March 3 with a makeup test date of March 17, 2015.
4. Mr. DeBerg is encouraging coaches to keep uniforms and warm-ups in school colors.

Open Forum- Kathy Dunn congratulated the 7th Grade Quiz Bowl team for their first place finish in competition held at Black River Falls. Other suggestions were to have foreign languages start in the earlier grades and to also coordinate our days off (for in-service, etc.) with government days. The 15-16 calendar is already approved so it is something to look at in the future.

Finance

Expenditures and Receipts through December were reviewed. Motion by Gerdes, second by Dunn to approve the check summary and vouchers in the amount of \$1,709,188.23. Motion carried 7-0. The Cash Flow and Activity accounts were reviewed.

Other Business

1. Motion by Blaken, second by Paisley to approve the WI Technical Excellence Higher Education scholarship. Motion carried 7-0. This new scholarship will be awarded to a top ranking student who is moving on to state technical college vs. an in-state four-year university.
2. Motion by Gerdes, second by Sacia to approve Miller & Associates to relocate the outside bleachers at a cost of \$34,700. Motion carried 7-0. This estimate is much lower than presented earlier.
3. Ashley's Angels donated clothing, food and other items to 19 kids (9 families) at Christmastime. It was a huge success!
4. The school accountability bill presented by the Senate and Assembly is changing constantly. Governor Walker likes bits and pieces of each bill but no decision has been made yet. Of the four pages of 'failing schools', Milwaukee public schools were at least two and a half pages.
5. Motion by Paisley, second by Blaken to hire Nancy Gilligan as the high school assistant play director. Motion carried 7-0
6. Motion by Gerdes, second by Sacia to allow modified school schedules for seniors Kristina Garbers and Savannah Winkler. Motion carried 7-0.
7. Motion by Blaken, second by Zeman to accept the resignation of kitchen helper Nancy Willger. Motion carried 7-0.
8. Motion by Dunn, second by Sacia to hire Diane P. Olson and Heather Thomas as kitchen helpers. Motion carried 7-0. Both of these ladies are currently working part-time as custodians.
9. A tour of the Family and Consumer Education classroom was taken. Also the board members were shown the new freezer and Project Circuit classroom.
10. Motion by Sacia, second by Dunn to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

Michelle Murray, Recorder of Minutes