

Melrose-Mindoro Board of Education
Regular Monthly Board Meeting
January 25, 2016

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

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

Correspondence: None.

Administrator's Report

1. Congratulations to the Academic Decathlon students for their first place finish at Regional competition held in Stevens Point. They will be competing at the state level March 3-4 in WI Dells.
2. In December, the WIAA sent all school districts a request for students to stop taunting, negative cheers as sporting events with no clear suggestions as to how to do so. After much discussion at WIAA, it was decided to let the individual schools determine what was considered unsportsmanlike behavior.
3. Mr. DeBerg attended the annual school board convention held last week in Milwaukee. He attended several informative sessions while there and recapped those sessions at tonight's board meeting.
4. Many thanks to the Village View Homemakers, Cameron Padilla, Coulee Region Landscape Design/Jason Oslie, and Black River Memorial Hospital for the monetary donations towards the athletic complex/press box construction. Relating to the construction of the press box, the Alumni Association plans to donate money towards the construction instead of building the actual press box.

Open Forum- None

Finance

Expenditures and Receipts through December were reviewed. Motion by Whalen, second by Dunn to approve the check summary and vouchers in the amount of \$1,460,705.09. Motion carried 6-0. The Cash Flow and, Activity accounts were reviewed.

Other Business

1. Mr. DeBerg reported that the school district's safety plan was successfully implemented on January 13. Jackson County Sheriff's Department called the Melrose building and requested a lockdown due to an incident possibly located in the area. The high school and Mindoro buildings were locked down as added precaution until Mr. DeBerg was alerted that the incident was contained to the Village of Melrose. A letter describing what took place that day was sent home with students and posted on the district website.

2. Jason Plante from Market & Johnson was introduced to the Board. He gave a tentative outline of the services they will provide for the facilities study.
3. The January 12 listening session was well attended by community members despite the very cold weather. Approximately 75-80 people were in attendance and asked very good questions. Another listening session was requested by several after the facilities study was completed.
4. Mr. DeBerg reviewed the various 2014-15 assessments results. Math scores have decreased over past years but it is believed to be due in part by increasing more time spent developing reading skills as these skills were lower in previous testing years. ACT results remained steady and this was the first year that all high school juniors were required to take the test.
5. School Psychologist and Special Education Director Marie Sonsalla presented the annual special education report. The number of students receiving these services is steady throughout the district with a higher concentration of them in Mindoro this year. Teachers and aides are annually shifted from building to building to accommodate these changes in student numbers.
6. Motion by Whalen, second by Blaken to not set open enrollment caps for the 2016-2017 school year. The nonresident open enrollment policy will be updated to reflect this statement. Motion carried 6-0.
7. Motion by Dunn, second by Sacia to approve the 5K Early Admission policy with minor language clarifications. Motion carried 6-0.
8. Motion by Paisley, second by Sacia to approve the revision to the high school graduation policy. Students must pass a Civics exam in order to graduate. This requirement begins with the 2016-17 graduating students. Motion carried 6-0.
9. Motion by Blaken, second by Whalen to not hire a C-Team Wrestling coach due to lack of applicants. Motion carried 6-0.
10. Motion by Sacia, second by Blaken to hire Marlene Vaningan as high school golf coach. Motion carried 6-0.
11. Motion by Paisley, second by Whalen to approve the modified schedules for seniors Aubrey Montalvo, Austin Gallagher and Amber Anderson. Motion carried 6-0.
12. Motion by Dunn, second by Sacia to adjourn at 9:05 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Michelle Murray
Recorder of Minutes