

**Melrose-Mindoro Board of Education**  
Regular Monthly Board Meeting  
January 27, 2014

Board President Marlane Anderson called the regular monthly meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Administrators present: Superintendent Del DeBerg, 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 Gerdes, second by Blaken to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

**Correspondence:** None

**Administrator's Report**

1. Academic Decathlon team finished first in small school division and 7<sup>th</sup> in the state at Regional competition. They will compete at State March 14.
2. Mr. DeBerg asked shared a letter of praise from the Lodi Swing Choir for Sharon Pfaff. She has done a wonderful job helping them out for 20+ years.
3. Congratulations to Deb Schaefer. She is the 2013 Division 3 Boys Track Coach of the Year. She will be formally recognized at the Track conference February 7, 2014.
4. Jackson County Sheriff's Department is starting "Lunch with a Cop" program and will be stopping in periodically county schools. Lunch with a Cop will have their first stop in our district in Melrose on February 18, 2014.
5. There are three snow days built in each school year's calendar in the case of inclement weather. We have used all three days with today's closing. Due to the wind chill warnings out, school will be closed for tomorrow. Future closings will need to be made up at the end of the year. Mr. DeBerg will check with the DPI to see how strict the requirements are regarding hours of instruction levels.

**Open Forum-**Kathy Dunn attended the Dallas Brass concert at G-E-T school district. Earlier in the day, the Mel-Min Band, along with other school districts, was able to participate in clinics provided by the Dallas Brass and perform a few numbers with them at the concert. All participants did a very nice job and it was a great opportunity for them.

**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 \$1,353,706.79. Motion carried 7-0. The Cash Flow and Activity accounts were reviewed.

**Other Business**

1. Motion by Gerdes, second by Paisley to approve the resignation of kitchen staff member Jessica Gallagher. Motion carried 7-0.
2. Motion by Dunn, second by Sacia to accept the hiring kitchen staff members Kristen Waughtal and Lorna Timm. Motion carried 7-0.
3. Motion by Dunn, second by Paisley to accept, with much heartfelt regret, to approve the resignation of Debra Schaefer from teaching at the end of the 2013-14 school year but still stay on as the Track & Field coach. Motion carried 7-0.
4. Motion by Gerdes, second by Sacia to approve the revised 2014-2015 school calendar. Motion carried 7-0. The change is that February 13 will be a full day off for students instead of a 2 hour late start as approved at last month's meeting.
5. Motion by Sacia, second by Zeman to make no changes to the current inclement weather policy. Motion carried 7-0.
6. Motion by Dunn, second by Paisley to table the revision to high school social studies curriculum. Motion carried 7-0.
7. Motion by Blaken, second by Paisley to approve the revision to the professional staff handbook regarding retirement benefits. Motion carried 7-0. Changes include moving to a 403(b) retirement benefit and allowing staff to retire the calendar year they turn 55 provided they meet the 25 years teaching (with 20 years in district). Motion carried 7-0.

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 8:10 p.m. Motion carried.
9. Motion by Paisley, second by Blaken to return to Open Session at 8:25 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.
10. Motion by Sacia, second by Paisley, to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

Michelle Murray  
Recorder of Minutes