

Melrose-Mindoro Board of Education

Regular Monthly Board Meeting

Monday, January 27, 2020

Board President Rick Paisley called the regular monthly meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Administrators present: Superintendent Jeff Arzt, 7-12th Gr. Principal Rick Dobb, ECH-6th Gr. Principal Corey Peterson and Finance Administrator Kim Bobo. Board Members present: Shane Zeman, Terry Blaken, Kathy Dunn, Becky Whalen, Jodi Anderson and Kim Sacia. All who were present then stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Correspondence: None.

Administrator's Report: Mr. Arzt asked the board to please take time to view the new sign and artwork created by Jerry Hoerres of River Bottom Arts in the Elementary cafeteria. In addition, Jerry Hoerres is assisting the district to create the artwork for the new mission statement. Mr. Arzt handed out some preliminary designs for the board to review.

The January Mustang Messenger newsletter was in full color and received favorable comments.

Academic Decathlon is headed to State competition March 12-13. At regionals, we placed fourth among all schools competing and first in division four.

High School Show Choir practice started today. There are 14 students participating.

Stop arm cameras have been placed on three buses with the hope of catching drivers who are not obeying the law and stopping when the stop arm is deployed. We are hoping the cameras will help collect license plate numbers so they can be turned over to the sheriff's department.

Two parents were in to speak with Mr. Arzt requesting the district start a high school fishing team. The students would like to join the Student Angler Federation. Mr. Arzt will do further research to find out the requirements needed to start a high school fishing team.

After 200,000 plus miles, one of the district's vans had to be taken out of service. Repairs are too costly for the age and condition of the vehicle.

Mr. Arzt had a brief discussion with the board as to how to fill the position of retiring Wellness Coordinator Mary Lynn Sinclair.

Open Forum: Kim Sacia asked if maps have been provided to the Melrose Fire Chief. Mr. Arzt is working with our architects to get a copy for the fire department's needs.

Finance: Review of the expenditures and receipts through December. Motion by Whalen, second by Sacia to approve the check summary & vouchers in the amount of \$2,537,649.39. Motion carried 6-0.

Other Business:

1. District Wellness Coordinator Mary Lynn Sinclair presented the district immunization report. We are in compliance with the state with a 99.6% rate.
2. Mary Lynn Sinclair also reviewed the cardiac emergency procedure that will be included in our school safety plan. A motion to accept by Blaken, second by Sacia to approve the procedures was made. Motion carried 6-0.
3. School Psychologist/Special Education Designee Marie Sonsalla was present to discuss the annual special education report. January 2020 shows 134 students in special education, an increase from 126 reported in

January 2019. New staff hired at the 7-12th grade level has helped with the caseload numbers. In the past year, there has been a high turnover with our paraprofessional staff which has an impact on scheduling and support for both the teachers and the students. Students with IEPs account for 33% of all new students this year district-wide. This is a 13% increase from a year ago.

4. Motion by Whalen, second by Dunn to apply the following open enrollment restrictions for the 2020-2021 school year. Motion carried 6-0.

**This applies only to new open enrollment applications for non-resident students*

Regular Education 2020-2021 Open Enrollment Restrictions
Estimate Date: January 27, 2020
Space Determination for 2020-2021

<u>Grade Level 2020-2021</u>	<u>Space for Open Enrollment 2020-2021</u>
PK-12	No Regular Education Restrictions

Special Education 2020-2021 Open Enrollment Restrictions
Estimate Date: January 27, 2020
Space Determination for 2020-2021

<u>Program</u>	<u>Elementary (K-6)</u>	<u>Secondary (7-12)</u>
Cross Categorical	Spaces available = 0	Spaces available = 0
Early Childhood	Spaces available = 9	NA
Speech & Language	Spaces available = 0	Spaces available = 0
Individual Paraprofessional	Students with special education needs requesting Open Enrollment into the district who require 1:1 adult support for the entirety of the school day will be denied.	

5. Motion by Dunn, second by Zeman to accept the retirement of Ag teacher Tom Dobbs effective July 15, 2020. Motion carried 6-0.
6. Motion by Whalen, second by Anderson to hire paraprofessionals Roseann Pintarelli and Genell Johnson along with Allison Rigotti as the 7-12 Business Education teacher. Motion carried 6-0. Ms. Rigotti will start in the 20-21 school year.
7. Motion by Blaken, second by Sacia to accept the resignation of paraprofessional Roseann Pintarelli and Kim Sobkowiak. Kim will continue to sub for the district a few days a week. Also, bus driver Paul Lash will change from driving an AM & PM route to just the PM route. Motion carried 6-0.
8. Motion by Sacia, second by Dunn to approve travel outside the 100-mile radius for trip to Spain in June 2020. Motion carried 6-0.
9. Motion by Zeman, second by Blaken to accept \$1,200 donation from Jennifer Goodenough to help offset student lunch debt. Motion carried 6-0.
10. The first reading of Policies 330-Curriculum Development & Improvement and 342.1-Programs for Students with Disabilities. No action taken.
11. Motion by Zeman second by roll call vote to adjourn to Executive Session 19.85 1(c) to consider employment, promotion, compensation or evaluation of personnel at 8:22 p.m.
12. Motion by Whalen, second by Blaken to reconvene to Open Session at 8:55 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.
13. Motion by Dunn, second by Sacia to adjourn at 8:56 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Michelle Murray
Recorder of Minutes