

Melrose-Mindoro Board of Education

Regular Monthly Board Meeting

Wednesday, January 30, 2019

Board President Marlane Anderson called the regular monthly meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The meeting was postponed from Monday, January 28 due to weather conditions. The Administrators present: Superintendent Jeff Arzt, Jr/Sr. High School Principal Rick Dobbs, ECH-6th Gr. Principal Corey Peterson, Finance Administrator Kim Bobo. Board Members present: Shane Zeman, Terry Blaken, Becky Whalen, Rick Paisley, and Kim Sacia. All who were present then stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Sacia, second by Blaken to approve the minutes from last month's meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

Correspondence: Letter from former Melrose-Mindoro School Superintendent Louis Grazadzielewski offering congratulations on completion of the new campus.

Administrator's Report: Prior to canceling school today (1-31-19), the district had two, two-hour late starts and four full days closed. The district was short 60 minutes of required instruction time. This will increase with today's cancellation and any future delays or closings. The Governor has declared a state of emergency this entire week due to the extremely cold temperatures and wind chills but at this time, we are not sure if any of these days will be forgiven because of it. Last year, we had five snow days, six, two-hour delays, and one early release. There are no formal policies, just guidance in the bus driver handbook that states school will be cancelled if the temperature is -30 degrees below zero.

Thank you to the Mindoro Lions Club for their \$200 donation to the district to help students purchase eye glasses.

Two district vehicles were sold through sealed bids in late December. The brown 1999 Ford truck with plow and sander sold for \$3,750 and the 2004 white Ford sold for \$2,625.

Mr. Arzt requested WASB for policies that grant permission to hold funerals on school property.

The district under the direction of Trauma Informed Care coordinator Jess Mulholland, hosted an information meeting on Acute Childhood Trauma and Trauma Informed Care with the hopes of making connections within Jackson County. It was the beginning of a productive journey. She also attended another meeting in Black River Falls yesterday as a follow-up to the meeting.

Congratulations to the Academic Decathlon team for the second place finish at regional competition January 19-20. They will compete at State in March.

Wrestling conference tournament will be held this Saturday at Arcadia.

Open Forum: None

Finance: Review of the expenditures and receipts through December. Motion by Whalen, second by Zeman to approve the check summary & vouchers in the amount of \$2,468,684.25. Motion carried 5-0.

Other Business

1. Stein Counseling will present in February vs. this month due to the change in board meeting date.
2. District Wellness Coordinator Mary Lynn Sinclair presented the annual immunization report. The district is in compliance at 99.48%. Many thanks to our support staff including aides and secretaries who manage the medications for students. Staff received training for the variety of medication and other health related procedures to help students daily. Also, thanks to Jackson County Public Health for providing their services for our annual Flu Shot and Tdap immunization clinic. 114 children and 66 staff members participated. Over 400 ECH-6th grade students received vision screening with 20 students referred for further testing.
3. Special Education Director Marie Sonsalla presented the annual special education update. Students receiving special education services have increased every year. Current caseloads are at their maximum at most grade levels and are projected to be higher in 19-20 school year.

4. In conjunction with the special education report, setting open enrollment space allotments for special and regular education students for the 19-20 school year was discussed. At this time, caps will not be set but we are looking at doing so in the 20-21 school year.
5. Motion by Sacia, second by Zeman to approve 6-12th grade students to take the Youth Risk Behavior Survey later this year. Motion carried 5-0.
6. Motion by Blaken, second by Sacia to accept the resignation from assistant softball coach Michael Matthews. Motion carried 5-0.
7. Motion by Paisley, second by Whalen to hire Nathaniel Turner as the Head Baseball coach, Lindsay Rozek as Assistant Softball coach. Motion carried 5-0.
8. Motion by Blaken, second by Zeman to accept the resignations of Phillip Wanke as kitchen helper and Jenifer Lefler as special education aide and Junior High Student Council advisor. Motion carried 5-0.
9. Motion by Whalen, second by Sacia to hire Suzann Paisley as kitchen helper and Chad Mather as Junior High Student Council advisor. Motion carried 5-0.
10. Motion by Zeman, second by roll call vote to adjourn to Executive Session 18.85 1(f) and 19.85 1(c) at 7:45 p.m. to consider student disciplinary matter and employee promotion, compensation or performance evaluation.
11. Motion by Sacia, second by Blaken to reconvene to Open Session at 8:35 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.
12. Motion to adjourn by Whalen, second by Paisley at 8:36 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Michelle Murray
Recorder of Minutes