

**Melrose-Mindoro Board of Education**  
Regular Monthly Board Meeting  
July 24, 2023

Board President Rick Paisley called the regular monthly meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Administrators present: Superintendent Deanna Wiatt, 7-12<sup>th</sup> Gr. Principal Rick Dobbs, ECH-6<sup>th</sup> Gr. Principal Corey Peterson, Finance Administrator Casey Pfaff, Buildings & Grounds/Transportation Director Dan Stetzer. Board Members present: Terry Blaken, Becky Whalen, Kim Sacia, Geoff Rozek & Shane Zeman & Kathy Dunn. All who were present then stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Sacia, second by Zeman, to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Motion carried 6-0.

**Correspondence:** None.

**Administrator's Report:** July 1 was the first day for District Superintendent Deanna Wiatt. Since then, she has met various staff members who have stopped in to introduce themselves. The custodial crew has been doing a fantastic job once again cleaning the building in preparation for the new school year. Cliffin Stanton won the safety challenge at the annual WASBO Conference for Building & Grounds by identifying the most number of hazards in under three minutes. Mr. Dobbs and some of the junior high staff members met to revise the athletic handbook and Rtl guidelines. Today marks the first day of GEO-Remedial classes. New teacher orientation is slated for August 9 with all staff returning August 17.

**Open Forum:** None.

**Finance:** Review of the expenditures and receipts through May. Motion by Whalen, second by Sacia to approve the check summary & vouchers in the amount of \$1,116,323.11. Motion carried 6-0.

**Other Business:**

1. Stacy Stair & Jill Pedretti reviewed the Title 1 program. This was the first year the ECH-6<sup>th</sup> grade building was schoolwide Title 1. Becoming schoolwide allows all students versus selected students to receive interventions. Stacy, Jill & the rest of the Title 1 instructors will still serve the students that require the most help. Title 1 materials and resources can be shared with all students. Jill briefly touched on the new implementation of I-Ready math program and was excited to see the growth that the students had over the year. Kids are very excited to learn all they can about Math!
2. Motion by Dunn, second by Blaken to approve the 2023-2024 Academic Standards. Motion carried 6-0.
3. There was a second reading of policy & rule 458-School Wellness. Motion by Sacia, second by Dunn to approve with no changes. Motion carried 6-0.
4. Motion by Whalen, second by Sacia to approve the resignation of the 9-12<sup>th</sup> grade math teacher Ashley Boe. Motion carried 6-0.
5. Motion by Blaken, second by Zeman to approve hiring Zach Severson as 9-12<sup>th</sup> grade social studies teacher and junior high assistant football coach. Also approved was hiring Darcy Sawyer & Laura Rhyme as co-head junior high volleyball coaches and Mya Tepp for the 9-12<sup>th</sup> grade math position. Carried 6-0.
6. Motion by Sacia, second by Zeman to table the administrative staff compensation until a future date but to approve a professional staff increase of 4.50% on base wages which is totaled and then divided by the number of returning teachers. Also included in this motion is to approve a \$.86-cent increase for hourly support staff. All increases are effective July 1, 2023. Motion carried 4-0 with Blaken and Rozek abstaining.
7. Motion by Zeman, second by Whalen to adjourn at 6:30 p.m.

Michelle Murray  
Recorder of Minutes