

Melrose-Mindoro Board of Education

Regular Monthly Board Meeting

Monday, July 27, 2020

Board President Rick Paisley called the regular monthly meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Administrators present: Superintendent Jeff Arzt, 7-12 Principal Rick Dobbs, ECH-6th Gr. Principal Corey Peterson and Finance Administrator Casey Pfaff. Board Members present: Becky Whalen, Jodi Anderson and Kim Sacia, Terry Blaken & Shane Zeman. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Kathy Dunn attended via phone. The public was also allowed to connect to the meeting virtually through Google Hangouts or by calling in. All who were present then stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Correspondence: None

Administrator's Report: An outdoor graduation ceremony was held for the Class of 2020 on Sunday, July 12. Many thanks to Mr. Dobbs and all other staff that attended to make it a memorable ceremony for the seniors and their families.

In-person GEO classes began last week with approximately 73 students attending daily, not including the 10 Academic Decathlon students who meet on Sunday nights over the summer months.

Kudos to Food Service Director Sarah McAdams and her staff for packaging over 1300 meals each week this summer. Due to the pandemic, it has been a challenge obtaining food and other single use/disposable items used for the summer food program but Sarah and her staff have done a great job in light of these challenges. The last food pick up date will be August 11.

At the July 23 WIAA meeting, the board of controls voted to push back the starting dates for fall sports. Practices will start for low-contact sports such as cross-country, on August 17 and higher contact sports (football, volleyball, boys soccer) on September 7. Options to try to help avoid community spread include scheduling only conference team play and to having all sports play the same school district in the same week.

Mr. Arzt would like to add additional days & compensation to administrative team contracts. Several have worked more than their contracted days due to COVID related scheduling & planning for the upcoming year.

The junior high gym ceiling work is now complete along with the installation of the air conditioning in the high school portion of the building.

Mr. Arzt has several samples of PPE (personal protective equipment). We receive face mask donations from the State of Wisconsin along with various community members & organizations. He also had face shields and clear plastic barriers that can be placed between students when working in small group. Clear plastic barriers also are on the office counters.

Open Forum: Terry Blake received comments from community members about the importance of adults being good role models for the students by wearing masks at the very start of school in order. At this time, masks are going to be required for bus drivers and students riding the bus, hall passing time and when students are working within 3-6 feet of teachers or other students.

Finance: Review of the expenditures and receipts through June. Motion by Whalen, second by Sacia to approve the check summary & vouchers in the amount of \$1,488,359.33. Motion carried 6-0.

Other Business:

1. Motion by Zeman, second by Anderson to approve the 2020-2021 Early Start calendar. Motion carried 6-0. Students will start school on Monday, August 24, 2020 instead of September 1.
2. Mr. Arzt presented the Fall 2020 School Reopening plan. There are three different instructional models; Phase 1 being face to face instruction, Phases 2 & 3 is blended instruction where students participate at home and school and Phase 4 would have all students attend virtually. Before and after school care would be extended to 6:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. for PreK-6th grade students. Motion by Whalen, second by Sacia to approve the plan as presented along with allowing the administration to make plan changes if needed. Motion carried 6-0.
3. Motion by Blaken, second by Anderson to approve the 751 Transportation Policy and Rule. Motion carried 6-0.
4. Review of the 19-20 and 20-21 budget sheet handout.
5. 2019-2020 Non-Violent Crisis Prevention Incident report was hear. Of the 29 incidents, 14 involved special education students and 15 involved non-special education students.
6. Motion to approve the resignation of junior high football coach Jeff Woodward and 7-12th grade Media Aide/Athletic Director Lesley Thompson. Motion carried 6-0.
7. Motion by Sacia, second by Anderson to hire Connie Craig as the interim 7-12th grade Athletic Director, Jenna Kowalke as head volleyball coach and Abigail Aasen will transfer from C-Team coach to JV Volleyball coach. Motion carried 6-0.
8. Motion by Zeman, second by Sacia to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Michelle Murray
Recorder of Minutes