

Melrose-Mindoro Board of Education

Regular Monthly Board Meeting

Monday, July 22, 2019

Board President Rick Paisley called the regular monthly meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. Administrators present: Superintendent Jeff Arzt, Jr/Sr. High School Principal Rick Dobbs, 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 Zeman, second by Sacia to approve the minutes from last month's meeting. Motion carried 6-0.

Correspondence: None

Administrator's Report: Mr. Arzt provided a handout for the 2019-21 State budgets. This handout gave a brief overview of what is and isn't included in the budget pertaining to education.

The number of AP class offerings as well as student participation continues to increase. In the 18-19 school year, 34 students took a combined total of 38 classes and for the 19-20 school year, there are 38 students registered to take a total of 47 class offerings. This number is preliminary as more will be added as the year goes on. College credit is given provided the students pass the test, thus saving them money in college.

The shortage of finding qualified bus drivers has affected our district as well as surrounding districts. The amount of time trying to schedule drivers for routes, extra-curricular activities has increased. We will be utilizing ReadySub for our bus drivers in the hopes of easing the problem. Custodial staff are helping fill in while a more permanent solution can be found.

Three benches were donated by ACT Concrete, Mindoro Lions and by the family in memory of Ed & Marty Woods. These benches will be placed on concrete slabs on the campus.

Mr. Arzt asked for a board member to serve on a strategic planning committee on August 7, 2019 from 1-4 p.m.

The old gym has received new basketball backboards and a fresh coat of paint. The ceiling will be repaired shortly.

Jerry Hoerres met with Mr. Arzt to discuss ideas for artwork in the elementary lunch room.

Open Forum: None

Finance: Review of the expenditures and receipts through June. Motion by Whalen, second by Dunn to approve the check summary & vouchers in the amount of \$1,178,766.93. Motion carried 6-0.

Other Business

1. Building & Grounds Director Tony Proft updated the board members on the bids for a storage building. Two additional bids were received but one missed the deadline and was not considered. Revisions to previous specs included the elimination of plumbing, mezzanine storage and in-floor heating. Plans were resubmitted to the state for approval and Nordstrom Construction had the lowest bid. No decision was made to move forward at this time pending state plan approval.
2. Motion by Sacia, second by Anderson to allow the changes to the roofing project. Motion carried 6-0. Ledegar Roofing is here now working on the roof over the main high school building. It will be cost effective to have them do the removal of the tar/gravel & steel roof over the gym, choir &/band rooms plus the junior high locker room areas while they are set up vs. waiting to do at a later date.
3. Mr. Arzt provided a recap of the 18-19 budget while updating the board on the 19-20 budget.

4. The non-violent CPI Incident report for the 18-19 school year showed that nine students were involved in 34 incidents. Of those nine students, six had IEP or 504 plans.
5. Motion by Zeman, second by roll call vote to adjourn to Executive Session per WI Statute 19.85 1(c) to consider employment, promotion, compensation or evaluation of personnel at 7:44 p.m.
6. Motion by Zeman, second by Sacia to reconvene to Open Session at 8:03 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.
7. Motion by Whalen, second by Sacia to approve a professional staff increase of 2.75% on base wages which is totaled and then divided by the number of returning teachers; approve requests for educational attainment (lane changes); \$.44/per hour increase for support staff with an additional \$.35/per hour increase for Joie Bacon and a \$1.00 raise for David Speckeen (summer hours only) from \$34 to \$35/hr. Administration received a 2.75% total package increase and new support staff and subs hired will receive 100% pay upon hire. (Eliminates the pay at 90% for the first year) All actions were approved 5-0 with Blaken abstaining.
8. Jerry DenBoer from Benefit Advisors met with the board to discuss our insurance costs for our building, mobile equipment and cybersecurity. He made recommendations for increasing coverage in certain areas, while decreasing coverage in others.
9. Motion by Blaken, second by Anderson to approve the resignations from 7th Gr. ELA Brianna Gilboy, special education aide Heather Dokkebaken and after 29 years, custodian Peggy Jolivette. Motion carried 6-0.
10. Motion by Zeman, second by Blaken to approve hiring Thomas Leis and District Media Librarian and Karri Barrett as custodian. Motion carried 6-0.
11. Motion by Dunn, second by Whalen to hire Jason McRoberts as head boys basketball coach and Janet Kowalke as JV Volleyball coach. Motion carried 6-0.
12. Motion by Sacia, second by Whalen to approve the addition of Show Choir to co-curricular activities pending the outcome of outside funding request. Motion carried 6-0. The district will hopefully receive notice mid-August if funding was awarded.
13. Motion by Sacia, second by Zeman to adjourn at 8:45 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Michelle Murray
Recorder of Minutes