

Melrose-Mindoro Board of Education

Regular Monthly Board Meeting

July 24, 2017

Board President Marlane Anderson called the regular monthly meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Administrators present: Superintendent Del DeBerg, High School Principal Jeff Arzt, ECH-8th Gr. Principal Corey Peterson, Finance Administrator Kim Bobo. Board Members present: Shane Zeman, Rick Paisley, Becky Whalen, Terry Blaken and Kathy Dunn.

Motion by Zeman, second by Whalen to approve the minutes from last month's meeting as reported. Motion carried 5-0.

Correspondence: None.

Administrator's Report

1. In-service is coming up on August 17. For a change of pace this year, the district will invite the retirees and staff to a breakfast vs. lunch. Mindoro Lions have generously offered to make pancakes for the staff. August 23 is the first day back for students.
2. Looking to fill 6th grade Literature/Language position and possibly share an ECH teacher with another district.

Open Forum: Paul Nau thought the shade of green in the new school pictures didn't represent the "Mustang" green and also asked if there was any new information regarding turn lanes in front of the high school. Mr. DeBerg responded stating that they are trying to match school colors as much as possible but we are really at the mercy of the company's color palette. No new information about turn lanes either but in contact with DOT.

Finance: The Skyward software has been experiencing technical difficulties this past week and half so reports could not be printed out for approval at tonight's meeting. The server is being rebuilt and should be up and running soon. Motion by Whalen, second by Dunn to approve the budget transfer as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

Other Business

1. Mock Trial Coach Jeff Woodward and team member Sydney Brown provided the board members a brief overview of their second season of Mock Trial. This team placed second at regionals and allowed them to participate at the state level.
2. 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 7:25 p.m.
3. Motion by Paisley, second by Dunn to reconvene to Open Session at 7:50 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.
4. Mr. DeBerg recapped the 2016-17 school budget and also updated the board on the 17-18 budget. Based on what happens on the state level regarding per pupil aid and the possibility of employees paying 12% of their health insurance premium, affects the school budget. It's a moving target and hopefully things will be clearer in the near future.
5. Phase 1 is coming in on time and on budget. Sheetrock, taping and painting are almost complete.
6. Phase 2 bid documents are out for the public on various Builders Exchanges and through Market and Johnson. There were over 100 pages of addendums and Craig Namyst suggested extending the bidding period from August 1 to August 8. One week will give the bidders

more opportunity to complete accurate bids. A special meeting will be held on August 15 at 6:00 p.m. to accept Phase 2 bids and possibly approve June finance reports and hiring any professional and/or support staff positions.

7. Motion by Dunn, second by Blaken to approve the Academic & Career Readiness Plan presented by High School Principal Jeff Arzt. Motion carried 5-0. The State requires all school districts to provide a plan and prepare students for academic and career readiness. High School Guidance Counselor Kay Ciechanowski and Mr. Arzt will be going over the plan with parents and students and will also be part of the student handbook.
8. High School juniors and seniors will now have another opportunity to earn credits through the Mississippi Valley/CESA 4 Youth Apprenticeship Credit Options program. The program offers paid internships for students in a variety of fields. Students can earn one credit towards graduation after successful completion of 450 hours of work and passing two semesters of related class instruction. Motion carried 5-0.
9. Motion by Dunn, second b Paisley to table professional and support staff compensation until a future meeting. Motion carried 5-0.
10. Motion b Blaken, second by Dunn to accept the resignation of Beth Pogreba as 6th grade Lit/Lang teacher once her contract breakage fee check clears. Motion carried 5-0. There were no support staff resignations.
11. Motion by Whalen, second by Zeman to hire Kimberly Strittmater as 6-7th grade Math and Jennifer Johnson as 8th grade Lit/Lang teacher. Motion carried 5-0. There were no support staff recommendations to hire.
12. Motion by Zeman, second by Dunn to increase the Head Cross Country Coach from 6% to 9% of the Base in order to align to other head high school coaching pay rates. Motion carried 5-0.
13. Motion by Blaken, second by Paisley to accept the resignations of Kevin Christopherson (JV coach) and Nick Anker(C-team coach) for the high school boy's basketball coaching positions. Motion carried 5-0.
14. Motion by Dunn, second by Zeman to hire Kevin Christopherson as the head high school boy's basketball coach and Nick Anker and the JV boy's basketball coach. Also, Darcy Sawyer would be hired as C-Team Volleyball coach. Motion carried 5-0.
15. Motion by Whalen, second by Blaken to post a one year curriculum supervisor position as it has been done the past few years. Motion carried 5-0.
16. There were zero incidents of having to use non-violent restraint procedures in the 16-17 school year. The district is required to report annually the number of incidents.
17. Motion by Paisley, second by Blaken to adjourn at 8:52 p.m. Motion carried 5-0. The board members were then invited to tour the remodeling progress.

Michelle Murray
Recorder of Minutes