

Melrose-Mindoro Board of Education

Regular Monthly Board Meeting

Monday, June 22, 2020

Board President Rick Paisley called the regular monthly meeting to order at 7:02 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. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Kathy Dunn & Terry Blaken 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 Sacia, second by Whalen to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

Correspondence: None

Administrator's Report: Mr. Arzt and Mr. Dobbs met with the Jackson County Health Department to review upcoming plans for opening schools in the fall. The district was given the OK to hold an in-person graduation ceremony (July 12) on the football field as well as in-person summer school programming. 7-12 Principal Rick Dobbs & Mr. Arzt will hold a ZOOM meeting for seniors and their parents to discuss the graduation ceremony on Thursday, June 25 at 6:30 p.m. There will also be a meeting later this week with select staff, parents, a board member and administration to get ideas about what the school year should look like this fall.

A parent survey was posted to the district website and Facebook page asking for feedback. To date, 212 people have responded and over 80 % of parents are in favor having their students return to in-person instruction in the fall. Consistent internet access still is a big barrier for in-home student learning.

Provided that students can return to school for face to face instruction this fall, the school year will start on August 24 instead of September 1. This can always change if COVID cases increase and the health department requires school districts to close.

Air conditioning installation is nearing completion in the high school portion of the building. New carpet, paint, and shelving units are in the 7-12 library along with new furniture for the business education classroom. New door entry mats were received but had some minor damage to them and the district is working with the company for reimbursement.

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 \$1,629,589.03. Motion carried 5-0.

Other Business:

1. Motion by Whalen, second by Sacia to approve the 5 open enrollment requests in and 10 requests out for the 20-21 school year. Motion carried 5-0.
2. The first reading of Policy 751-Student Transportation Services was held.
3. Motion by Sacia second by Anderson to accept the bid from The Insurance Center for property & casualty insurance which includes workers compensation. Motion carried 5-0. A second, higher bid was received by Benefit Advisors who is the district's current carrier.
4. A review of the 2019-2020 budget along with a preview of the 2020-2021 was presented. Still projecting to end the 19-20 year with a balanced budget and the numbers for the 20-21 year is just an estimate based on current information. There are many factors that could change the projected 20-21 budget. We are waiting to see if there will be a budget repair bill, which could decrease revenue next year.
5. Motion by Anderson, second by Sacia to approve hiring the following positions for the 2020-2021 school year: Tricia Waughtal as elementary special education teacher; Aliah Kuehn as 7-12th grade special

education teacher; Kasey Erdman as 7th grade Literature/Language teacher; Jennifer Radaj as 7-8th grade math teacher, and Tara Tjerstad as district nurse. Motion carried 5-0.

6. Motion by Sacia, second by Whalen to table both action items relating to the resignations & hiring coaching positions. There were no recommendations at this time. Motion carried 5-0.
7. Motion by Blaken, second by Dunn to approve the food service bids with Reinhart as the prime vendor through shared purchasing. Motion carried 5-0.
8. Motion by Whalen, 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 7:58 p.m.
9. Motion by Anderson, second by Sacia to reconvene to open session at 8:17 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.
10. Motion by Sacia, second by Anderson to pay \$1,000 stipend to Kari Johnson as transportation assistant. Motion carried 5-0.
11. Motion by Dunn, second by Whalen to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Michelle Murray
Recorder of Minutes