

Melrose-Mindoro Board of Education

Regular Monthly Board Meeting

June 24, 2024

CONVENE

Board President Rick Paisley called the regular monthly meeting of the Melrose-Mindoro School Board of Education to order 6:15 p.m. Administrators present: Superintendent Deanna Wiatt, 7-12th Grade Principal Richard Dobbs, ECH-6th Principal Corey Peterson, and Finance Administrator Casey Pfaff. Board Members present: Terry Blaken, Becky Whalen, Kim Sacia, Geoff Rozek, Shane Zeman, and Emily Stanton. All who were present then stood for the Pledge of Allegiance. Motion by Stanton, second by Blaken to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

CONNECTION WITH THE COMMUNITY:

1. **Correspondence:** None
2. **Public Comment:** There was no public comment.

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Candidates are being interviewed to fill various positions that are open in the district. We have candidates waiting for board approval tonight to fill the 7-12th grade Agriculture and 9-12th grade math positions. Next month we hope to have our 4K, Nurse and special education positions filled.

Summer school is winding up this week. For the past three weeks, students had the opportunity to enroll in various enrichment & academic courses along with swimming lessons. Teachers will be busy over the summer months learning new curriculum in preparation for the upcoming school year.

The Mel-Min Fishing team consisting of Colton Koss & Jayce Stetzer competed at National competition last week. They placed well and are excited for next year's season and another chance to compete nationally.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

1. **Minutes from the previous month's Regular Board Meeting:** Motion by Sacia, second by Whalen to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Motion carried 6-0.
2. **Finance:** Review of the expenditures and receipts through May. There were no budget changes. Motion by Whalen, second by Zeman to approve the check summary & vouchers in the amount of \$2,488,732.13. Motion carried 6-0. Cash flow and activity accounts were reviewed.
3. **Personnel Report:** **Resignations:** Motion by Zeman, second by Stanton to approve the resignations of Kindergarten teacher Christina Kurschner, Elementary School Counselor/Summer School Coordinator Jamie Koss, and bus driver Stanley Stetzer. Motion carried 6-0. **Hiring:** Motion by Blaken, second by Zeman to hire Terri Camden as part-time custodial staff; Jacob Leibl as 9-12th Gr. Math; Hannah Olson as 2nd Gr. Teacher under a one year only contract; Madeline Dobbs as 7-12 Agriculture teacher/FFA advisor and Nicole Clark as a part-time Early Childhood teacher. Motion carried 6-0. **Retirement:** Motion by Sacia, second by Stanton to accept the retirement of Cathy Kyser from food service. Motion carried 6-0.

DISCUSS AND/OR TAKE ACTION

1. **Approve District 5 Year Self Evaluation:** Motion by Whalen, second by Sacia to approve the Five-Year School Self-Evaluation Summary for Status of Pupil Nondiscrimination & Equality of Educational Opportunity. Motion carried 6-0.
2. **Approve WIAA Membership Renewal for 2024-2025 School Year:** Motion by Zeman, second by Blaken to approve. Motion carried 6-0.
3. **Approve Elementary ELA & Secondary Math Curriculum:** Motion by Stanton, second by Sacia to approve *CKLA* as the elementary English/Language Arts curriculum and *IntoMath* as the secondary math curriculum. Motion carried 6-0.
4. **Consider Request for High School Girls Soccer to Leave Mid-Western WI Conference & Join Mississippi Valley Conference Starting in 2025-2026:** Motion by Zeman, second by Blaken to approve the suggested switch to MVC in the 25-26 school year. Motion carried 6-0.

- 5. Consider Possible Change in Co-Op Boys Soccer Team in 2025-2026:** We currently co-op with Black River Falls and due to lower than expected numbers, the BRF school district may not have enough team members to warrant the school's financial commitment. Motion carried 6-0.
- 6. Consider Change in Pricing for School Nutrition Program:** Motion by Sacia, second by Rozek to approve the increase in milk price from \$.35 to \$.40/carton and adult breakfast price from \$2.55 to \$2.80. Motion carried 6-0.
- 7. Accept Donations Over \$500:** Motion by Stanton, second by Zeman to accept donations from the Friends of Melrose (\$2,300) for school wrestling program; Compeer awarded the Ag department a \$4,000 grant. La Crosse Area Builders once again generously donated tools to our Tech department. Motion carried 6-0.
- 8. Consider Senior Request for Reduced Schedule in 2024-2025 school year:** Motion by Zeman, second by Blaken to allow Ashley Wyss's request for a reduced schedule next school year. Motion carried 6-0.
- 9. Consider Changes to Employee Handbook:** Motion by Whalen, second by Sacia to approve the changes to bus driver sick leave pay from \$10 to \$40/day. A section was added for administrative staff for annual pay for hours accumulated over 100 days and the sick leave payout structure at retirement. This structure is similar to the current teacher retirement sick leave payout. Both teacher and administrative staff are eligible for the payout if they meet the years of service worked outlined in each section and are 55 years old. The district will discontinue the contribution to employees Health Savings Account (HSA). Motion carried 6-0.
- 10. Consider Changes to the Elementary Student/Parent Handbook:** These changes were mostly clerical with the addition/deletion of dates, staff, etc. Notification that 4K will change to full day 4K and Surround Care will begin charging for services. More information will be forthcoming this summer. Motion carried 6-0.
- 11. Consider Changes to JH/HS Handbook:** Similar to the elementary, mostly clerical changes and updates to the Bell schedule, dress code and how parents are communicated to (calls vs. in-writing notices) for discipline issues. Motion carried 6-0.
- 12. Consider Changes to JH/HS Athletic Handbook:** Athletic teams that are requesting to leave school early will be permitted to do so to allow the team to arrive at the competition one hour early. There will be no set number of times that a team is allowed to leave school early. Another change was the number of discipline write-ups and how it will affect the athlete's ability to participate in competition. Motion carried 6-0.
- 13. First Reading of Policy & Exhibit 823-Access to Public Records:** No action to be taken as it's the first reading. Format change and increase in price per page/side from \$.05 to \$.15.
- 14. Consider Percentage Increase in FFA Advisor Pay:** Motion by Sacia, second by Stanton, to approve the increase in FFA Advisor pay on Schedule C from 4.00% to 5.5%. Motion carried 6-0.
- 15. Present & Approve the 2024-2025 District Library Plan:** Motion by Zeman, second by Rozek to approve the 2024-2025 Library plan as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Zeman, second by roll call vote to move to closed session at 7:15 p.m. The Board will discuss, consider and, if appropriate, take action pursuant to Wis. Stats §19.85(1)(c) "Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility". The board, if appropriate, will return to open session following the closed session to take action on the items discussed in the closed session. Motion by Stanton, second by Blaken to return to open session at 8:40 pm.

Motion by Sacia, second by Zeman to approve the administrative salaries as presented in closed session. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Sacia, second by Zeman to approve the \$175/per child per month fee for Surround Care with a 15% family discount for two or more children. Motion carried 6-0

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Whalen, second by Rozek to adjourn at 8:42 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Michelle Murray
Recorder of Minutes