

Melrose-Mindoro Board of Education
Regular Monthly Board Meeting
June 23, 2014

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, K-8 Principal Corey Peterson, Finance Administrator Kim Bobo. Board Members present: Becky Gerdes, Kathy Dunn, Shane Zeman and Terry Blaken, Rick Paisley, and Kim Sacia.

Motion by Gerdes, second by Blaken to approve the minutes from last month's meeting. Motion carried 7-0.

Correspondence: None

Administrator's Report

1. Congratulations to Alex Hatlevig and all the other competitors at state competition. Alex is the 100m & 200m Division 3 State Champion.
2. Marlane attended a WASB Legal workshop held at CESA 4 last week. Lots of interesting information presented.
3. If the Melrose building is in good shape from cleaning, the July board meeting will be held there.

Open Forum-None

Finance

Expenditures and Receipts through May were reviewed. Motion by Gerdes, second by Dunn to approve the check summary and vouchers in the amount of \$2,239,263.43. Motion carried 7-0. The Cash Flow and Activity accounts were reviewed.

Other Business

1. Motion by Dunn, second by roll call vote at 7:04 p.m. to adjourn to Executive Session 19.85 1(c) and 1(f) to discuss personnel, employment, and compensation. Motion carried by roll call vote.
2. Motion by Gerdes, second by Zeman to return to Open Session at 7:40 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.
3. Mr. DeBerg gave the Board an update on the 13-14 Budget. Approximately \$724,000 is projected to be spent in the fund balance. State aid is also projected to be up for the 14-15 budget.
4. Motion by Sacia, second by Gerdes to approve the purchase of an additional bus in the 13-14 fiscal year. Motion carried 7-0.
5. Motion by Blaken, second by Dunn to approve the resignation of high school Track & Field coach Deb Schaefer. Motion carried 7-0.
6. Motion by Paisley, second by Sacia to approve the unpaid leave requests for Pauline King and Wendy Sampson. Motion carried 7-0.
7. Motion by Dunn, second by Sacia to hire Dale Christopherson as the varsity boys basketball coach and Sandy Paisley as the C-team volleyball coach (one year position) Motion carried 7-0.
8. Motion by Gerdes, second by Zeman to approve the resignation of special education teacher Amy Mather. Also approved the resignation of special education teacher Jennifer Windsor, with special conditions. Motion carried 7-0.
9. Motion by Paisley, second by Blaken to accept the resignation of bus driver Rose Strait, with many thanks after 35 years of safe driving. Also accepted the resignation of bus driver Rich Miles. Motion carried 7-0.
10. Motion by Dunn, second by Sacia hire Kara DeLaet as the 4th grade teacher. Motion carried 7-0.
11. Motion by Blaken, second by Sacia to approve ImpACT testing for high school students. Motion carried 7-0. This is concussion testing for student athletes.
12. The wellness policy was updated to reflect the suggestions offered by the Alliance for a Healthier Generation. This group consists of staff and community members. Healthier snack and birthday options (fruit slushies vs. ice cream on Fridays, for example). District Nurse Mary Lynn Sinclair had all present do a 'Brain Break'

which is something the students will do. They are one minute moving activities to help improve student's concentration throughout the day.

13. Motion by Gerdes, second by Paisley to join Project CIRCUIT. Motion carried 7-0. This is a form a distance learning that will give our students many more opportunities to take high school and college level classes without leaving the district.
14. Mr. DeBerg received permission from the board to explore the options to update/upgrade our athletic complex at the high school. He will check with contractors for prices and designs and report back to the board at future meetings.
15. Motion by Blaken, second by Gerdes to approve the changes to the student handbook. Motion carried 7-0. Notably, banning the use of e-cigarettes, hookah pens or other similar devices.
16. Motion by Paisley, second by Dunn to approve a .50 per hour increase for support staff and 3.5% increase to professional teaching staff to be divided equally among staff returning in 14-15. Administrative staff received a 3.5% increase on total package and Special Education Designee/School Psychologist Marie Sonsalla received a \$5,000 increase with five additional work days over current contract Motion carried 7-0
17. Motion by Paisley, second by Sacia to adjourn at 9:03 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

Michelle Murray
Recorder of Minutes