

## Melrose-Mindoro Board of Education

Regular Monthly Board Meeting

Monday, June 24, 2019

Board President Rick Paisley called the regular monthly meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Administrators present: Superintendent Jeff Arzt, Jr/Sr. High School Principal Rick Dobbs, and Finance Administrator Kim Bobo. Board Members present: Shane Zeman, Terry Blaken, Rick Paisley, Kathy Dunn, Becky Whalen, Jodi Anderson and Kim Sacia. All who were present then stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Blaken, second by Whalen to approve the minutes from last month's meeting. Motion carried 6-0.

**Correspondence:** None

**Administrator's Report:** The lack of an approved state budget is hindering the district's ability to finalize their 2019-20 school budget. Governor Evers is waiting to see the entire state budget before deciding what items will be vetoed. Mr. Arzt would like to get the board's direction for staff negotiations and plan on meeting with the committee early next month. It is difficult to settle without knowing the state budget.

The second week of GEO classes started this week. A change in scheduling this year seems to be well received. Students can take four one-hour classes this year vs. only two, two-hour classes in the past. Breakfast and lunch is being served to all students free of charge.

The roof project scheduled to start immediately after school has been delayed. The roof above the '65 gym, band & choir rooms did not meet the load test according to the study completed by the engineers. There is still gravel & tar under the tin roof. We are working with Ledegar Roofing to come up with a solution. The main part of the high school roof did pass and work has started on this portion only.

The old high school lockers were removed and all of them were sold to the public. Installation of the new, wider lockers will begin soon.

The district received a certified copy of default judgement for the small parcel of property known as Lot 5 of Wachter's addition in the Village of Melrose. After recording the judgement, the District will be in a position to deed the entirety of the property to the Village of Melrose.

Mr. Arzt received a request to have a bus transport students to both the West Salem & Black River Falls Boys & Girls club for after school care. Parents would be required to pick their children up from either location. The biggest concern is the lack of bus drivers.

7-12 Choir Director Stacy Humfeld would like to start a show choir group. They would compete at Solo/Ensemble and not travel. Start-up costs, which consist mainly of purchasing costumes is approximately \$4,500. A grant was sent to Lunda Charitable Foundation for these costs.

Transportation Director Brant Young would like to revise the student drop off/pick up policy for busing. 30-40 requests are made each day for different drop off points, most of which occur after 3:00 p.m. This has created a lot of confusion for students as well as the elementary staff trying to get them on the correct bus.

The WIAA board approved the newly created MidWest Wisconsin Girls Soccer conference. This conference consists of Adams-Friendship, Altoona, Amherst, Arcadia, Assumption, Mauston, Mel-Min/G-E-T, Regis/McDonnell Catholic & Wautoma.

State Track & Field competition was held once again at UW-LaCrosse in early June. Congratulations to Emily Herzberg for her silver medal in Triple Jump. Evi Radcliffe competed in the 100 meter dash and finished 14<sup>th</sup> in the

preliminaries. In the 4 x 200, Patrick Corcoran, Payton Corcoran, Raef Radcliffe & Blake Christianson finished 6<sup>th</sup> in the prelims and 7<sup>th</sup> in the finals.

Finally, we have five adults and 18 students traveling in Germany, Austria and Switzerland on a 10-day trip.

**Open Forum:** Terry Blaken asked if the LP bid won by Federation Co-Op will be honored after they merge with ProVision Partners Cooperative out of Marshfield. Mr. Arzt will look into this and report back to the board.

**Finance:** Review of the expenditures and receipts through May. Motion by Dunn, second by Blaken to approve the budget changes presented. Motion carried 6-0. Motion by Whalen, second by Sacia to approve the check summary & vouchers in the amount of \$1,813,821.75. Motion carried 6-0.

#### **Other Business**

1. Motion by Whalen, second by Sacia to approve the Homeless Education Program Policy after the second reading. Motion carried 6-0.
2. Motion by Sacia, second by Zeman to approve the 7-12 Handbook changes. Motion carried 6-0.
3. Mr. Arzt review of the 2018-19 budget along with previewing the 2019-20 budget. The district is anticipating a balanced budget for the ending of the 18-19 fiscal year. The numbers for the 19-20 budget is very fluid at this point and because the state budget figures are not finalized, it is difficult to determine the 19-20 budget.
4. Motion by Zeman, second by Sacia to approve insurance carriers for the 19-20 school year. WCA (health) Delta Dental (dental). Voluntary plans WEA (vision) and Allstate (accident, critical illness and cancer) were also approved. Motion carried 5-0 with Blaken abstaining.
5. Mr. Arzt updated the board members with a list of summer construction projects including the '65 gym remodel, roof repair, and locker replacement.
6. Motion by Blaken, second by Zeman to approve the resignation of elementary special education teacher Tricia Waughtal and bus driver Dawn Kaiser. Motion carried 6-0.
7. Motion by Dunn, second by Sacia to hire Emily Fischer as the 7-8<sup>th</sup> grade science teacher. Motion carried 6-0.
8. Motion by Whalen, second by Sacia to hire Abby Aasen as the C-team volleyball coach. Motion carried 6-0.
9. Motion by Dunn, second by Sacia to approve the food service bids for milk break and prime vendor through shared purchasing. Motion carried 6-0.
10. Motion by Whalen, second by Blaken to approve the Facility Use form with minor additions. This form is mainly used when there is not a custodian on site. Motion carried 6-0.
11. Motion by Zeman, second by roll call vote to adjourn to Executive Session per WI Statute 19.85 1(c) to consider employment, promotion, or performance evaluation and 1(f) to consider disciplinary issue at 7:58 p.m.
12. Motion by Zeman, second by Whalen to reconvene to Open Session at 8:15 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.
13. Motion by Whalen, second by Zeman to adjourn at 8:16 p.m.

Michelle Murray  
Recorder of Minutes