

Melrose-Mindoro Board of Education

Regular Monthly Board Meeting

Monday, June 25, 2018

Board Vice President Rick Paisley called the regular monthly meeting to order at 7:02 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, Becky Whalen, Terry Blaken, Kim Sacia and Kathy Dunn.

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

Correspondence: A furniture sales representative who did not win a bid from the district made a records request for information from all the bidders. After the district sent these records the losing bidder responds stating that there would have been a significant cost savings if they would have been selected, although the newer pricing wasn't presented at the initial time of bidding

A letter of support for Track & Field coach Tory Lockington by Sarah Kramer was read to the board. She was unable to attend the meeting tonight due to other commitments.

Administrator's Report: None

Open Forum: Multiple community members briefly spoke in support of Head Football coach and Track & Field Coach Tory Lockington. One member of the coaching staff stated that the football team is treated as and acts as a family. The football coaching staff instills respect & manners not only on the field but in the locker room and in public from the team. Decisions are made as a staff, not individually. Another gentleman spoke of the positive actions and comments Tory and the coaching staff has made with his child, who is a member of the football team. Another community member was disheartened to hear negative comments from the stands during the games while he worked on the sidelines. Tory has made the efforts to open the weight room even for only two athletes to work out. 'If they are willing to put the time in, so am I.' was his comment to a parent who was concerned that they were wasting Tory's time. The board thanked them all for their comments.

Finance: Review of the expenditures and receipts through May. There was a budget change relating to the second round of referendum borrowing and it reflects the actual vs. estimated monies used. Motion by Dunn, second by Sacia to approve the budget change. Motion carried 5-0. Motion by Whalen, second by Sacia to approve the check summary & vouchers in the amount of \$3,405,634.09. Motion carried 5-0.

Other Business

1. Updates to the consolidated campus were presented by Mr. DeBerg. Handouts for the overall project budget are on schedule. Approximately \$706,000 of the \$750,000 in FFE (fixtures, furniture & equipment) has been spent. In regards to the consolidation of buildings, there was discussion in continuing the sports shuttle bus and what phone number(s) will be used once we are all in one building but no decision was made on either subject. Possibilities included one number with automation offering the caller to select an option to be connected with a 'live' person at the junior/senior high school or elementary offices.

2. Lisa Voisin from Robert W. Baird was here to update the board members of the final referendum financing. The district received an A+ rating from Standard & Poors and this provided the district with a favorable borrowing rate averaging 3.49% over the course of referendum borrowing. This was lower than the 3.75-4.00% projected at the beginning of construction.
3. Jackson County Sheriff Duane Waldera spoke regarding the school safety initiative grants. His department has worked with all three schools in the county by providing a school liaison officer (Deputy Kyle Nosbisch) the last two months of the 17-8 school year. Deputy Nosbisch has made a positive impact with students and staff members alike. The district has applied for \$60,000 in state grant money to provide shatterproof glass, security cameras and first aid bags for classrooms. The district hasn't received notice of the grant award as of tonight's meeting. The state grant money had specific guidelines as to what districts could and couldn't ask for and one of which that wasn't allowed was money to fund a school liaison officer.
4. The end of the 17-18 fiscal year is wrapping up at the end of the week and it looks as if we are under budget. Motion by Sacia, second by Whalen to conditionally approve to purchase a bus in this fiscal year if possible. Motion carried 4-1 with Blaken opposing.
5. The 2018-19 budget was also reviewed at the same time as the 17-18 budget review.
6. Motion by Blaken, second by Dunn to accept the \$2,500 donation from Monsanto on behalf of Leon & Ruth Pfaff. Motion carried 5-0.
7. Motion by Zeman, second by roll call vote to adjourn to Executive Session per WI Statute 19.85 1(c) and/or (f) at 8:39 p.m.
8. Motion by Whalen, second by Zeman to reconvene to Open Session at 9:49 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.
9. Due to lack of a motion, the motion to consider non-renewal of coaching contracts for Head Football & Track & Field, died.
10. Motion by Whalen, second by Sacia to hire Abigail Aasen as 5th grade teacher, Haley Shepardson as 4K teacher and Rick Dobbs as 7-12 gr principal. Motion carried 5-0.
11. Motion by Dunn, second by Blaken to accept the resignations of Wendy Sampson as 8th grade volleyball coach and Kari Johnson & Jamie Koss as Junior High Student Council Co-Advisors. Motion carried 5-0.
12. Motion by Zeman, second by Sacia to adjourn at 9:51 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Michelle Murray
Recorder of Minutes