

**Melrose-Mindoro Board of Education**  
Regular Monthly Board Meeting  
March 23, 2015

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, ECH-8 Principal Corey Peterson, Finance Administrator Kim Bobo. Board Members present: Becky Gerdes-Whalen (arrived at 7:07 p.m. after Finance), Shane Zeman and Terry Blaken, Rick Paisley, Kathy Dunn, and Kim Sacia.

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

**Correspondence:** None

**Administrator's Report**

1. Congratulations to high school teacher Jim Briggs. He was recently selected as one of the Kohl Fellowship Scholarship winners. Both the district and school will receive a monetary donation at a ceremony later in April.
2. Congratulations are also in order to the Academic Decathlon team for their second place finish at state competition as well as to the high school boy's basketball team for their regional championship win.
3. The play *The Sound of Music* was a great success. Super job by the cast!

**Open Forum-** None

**Finance**

Expenditures and Receipts through February were reviewed. Motion Blaken, second by Paisley to approve the check summary and vouchers in the amount of \$1,276,773.54. Motion carried 6-0. The Cash Flow and Activity accounts were reviewed.

**Other Business**

1. A schedule for work on the athletic complex along with some questions posed by Mr. DeBerg to the general contractor at POB was passed out to board members. Tentative start date is April 27.
2. Budget Committee met on March 6 and Mr. DeBerg updated the remainder of the board on the 14-15 budget as well as the projected 15-16 budget. The handouts he shared are in the board packet. Things are looking good for the remainder of the 14-15 school year. The 15-16 school year budget will depend on several factors such as how high or low bids for health and dental insurance, open enrollment (in and out of the district) come in.
3. Mr. Arzt and Mr. Peterson updated the board members on their respective building and student testing schedules. The high school juniors completed the ACT and Workkeys tests. One advantage for these students is the fact that they don't have to pay the testing fee and if their results are good, these tests can be sent to colleges. Third through eighth grade students are gearing up to take the Badger exam April 13-30. The state has been making several changes to the Badger exam so Mr. Peterson felt it would be best to wait until some of the kinks in other districts are worked out because they are taking the test the first week testing is available.
4. Motion by Gerdes-Whalen, second by Sacia to accept the short-term borrowing bid from First National Bank at a rate of 1.49%. Motion carried 6-0 with Blaken abstaining. Black River Country Bank's bid was 1.75%
5. CESA 4 will have a Board Outreach night this Thursday, March 26, 2015.
6. Motion by Dunn, second by Zeman to approve the 2-15-2016 CESA 4 contracts. Motion carried 7-0.
7. Motion by Dunn, second by Blaken to approve Ernie Brodsky's request for time off without pay on April 2. Motion carried 7-0. Board policy states that anything over eight hours must be approved by the board. Ernie only needs one hour.

8. Motion by Paisley, second by Gerdes-Whalen to increase the threshold value for equipment from \$1,000 to \$5,000. Motion carried 7-0.
9. Motion by Paisley, second by Sacia to table consideration of resignation of professional staff until next month. Motion carried 7-0.
10. Motion by Paisley, second by Blaken to approve Ed Hoskins as volunteer high school head soccer coach. Motion carried 7-0.
11. Motion by Gerdes-Whalen, second by roll call vote to adjourn to Executive Session 19.85 (1) (c) to discuss professional staff contracts at 8:05 p.m.
12. Motion by Paisley, second by Blaken to reconvene to open session at 8:45 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.
13. Motion by Paisley, second by Sacia to adjourn at 8:46 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

Michelle Murray, Recorder of Minutes