

Melrose-Mindoro Board of Education

Regular Monthly Board Meeting

March 25, 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 Kathy Dunn. All who were present then stood for the Pledge of Allegiance. Motion by Zeman, second by Rozek to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

The spring calendar is filling up quickly. The Drama department presented the musical "Back to the 80's" this past weekend. Farmington First Responder and Mindoro Lions used the facilities for their chili and pancake fundraisers.

Superintendent Wiatt and Finance Administrator Pfaff met with the budget committee to discuss the budget for the upcoming school year and into the future. State funding, declining enrollment, and recurring maintenance costs all play a part in formulating a balanced budget. Wiatt & Pfaff met with elementary staff last week and are scheduled to meet with the JH/SH staff members to discuss the budget.

Students and staff are preparing for various state tests. Students will be taking tests for the ACT, DLM and Forward Exam in the coming weeks.

Bus routes may be affected towards the end of April with culvert and road repair to Highway 108. This hopefully will have minimal impact but it is something to be aware of.

Summer school has been restructured and Jamie Koss has been working hard to create a new layout. Enrichment and remedial classes will be held for three weeks in June.

CONNECTION WITH THE COMMUNITY:

1. **Correspondence:** There were parents and community members in the building over the past weekend for a variety of tournaments. One parent took the time to send an email to Superintendent Wiatt complementing our staff for having such a clean and well organized facility. Many thanks to our custodial staff for their hard work!
2. **Public Comment:** There was no public comment.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

1. **Update Academic & Career Planning/Education for Employment Plan:** This action item along with hearing the DECA presentation was moved to the beginning of the consent agenda. Business teacher & ACP Advisor Allison Boudry presented the ACP/E4E Plan. Motion by Sacia, second by Dunn to approve. Motion carried 6-0
2. **Hear DECA Presentation:** DECA Advisor Allison Boudry along with DECA members Cameron LeGrave, Alan Knudtson and Brianna Baker discussed what DECA is and what they have accomplished this year. Along with Mrs. Boudry, Brianna will travel to California in late April to participate in the DECA international competition. Best of luck to her!
3. **Minutes from the previous month's Regular Board Meeting:** Motion by Zeman, second by Sacia to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Motion carried 6-0.
4. **Finance:** Review of the expenditures and receipts through February. Motion by Whalen, second by Sacia to approve the check summary & vouchers in the amount of \$780,567.36. Motion carried 6-0.
5. **Personnel Report:** Motion by Dunn, second by Whalen to approve the resignations for coaching, support & professional staff. Motion carried 6-0.
Coaching: Brad Sime, Head JH Wrestling; Stacy Stair, Cheer Coach/Advisor; Andrea Mikkelson, Assistant high school Volleyball coach.
Support Staff: Brianna Brehmer & Lauren Koss, paraprofessionals; Marissa Edmison, Surround Care Coordinator.
Professional Staff: Kathy Jones, Early Childhood Teacher.

There were no retirements to act on.

Hiring: Motion by Blaken, second by Zeman to approve hiring the following support & professional staff. Motion carried 6-0. There was no coaching staff to approve.

Support Staff: Erin Diggs, Mychal Hanson & Felicia Helgersen, paraprofessionals.

Professional Staff: Sam Johnson, 9-12th Gr. PE teacher

6. **Discuss Electric Bus:** The electric bus has arrived and has been put into service. Transportation Director Dan Stetzer will discuss more about the bus at next month's meeting.
7. **Approve 2024-2025 CESA Contracts:** Motion by Zeman, second by Rozek to table until a future meeting. Motion carried 6-0. Due to ESSER funding ending this September, the number of days a CESA 4 provided school psychologist was decreased from the previous year. Special Education Director Marie Sonsalla stated that by doing so, her workload would dramatically increase. Superintendent Wiatt provided staffing data from surrounding districts with similar student population to support the decrease in this ESSER funded, CESA provided service.
8. **Consider Approving Activity Account for 'Raise Your Voice' Club:** Motion by Sacia, second by Blaken to allow opening an activity account for this club. Motion carried 6-0.
9. **Accept Donation from Jon Cain Foundation:** Motion by Blaken, second by Rozek to accept \$500 donation from the Jon Cain Foundation to go the Drama Department. Motion carried 6-0.
10. **Consider Request for Bowling as a Co-Curricular Sport:** Motion by Zeman, second by Blaken to allow Bowling to be a co-curricular sport. This will allow participants to letter in this activity similar to students who participate in HSRA, figure skating, fishing, and trap clubs. Motion carried 6-0.
11. **Consider Request to Allow One Additional Early Release for Track/Field Athletes:** Motion by Sacia, second by Whalen, to allow one additional early release for these students. Motion carried 6-0.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Zeman, second by roll call vote to move to Closed Session at 7:20 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". Motion by Zeman, second by Blaken to return to regular session at 8:59 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Dunn, second by Zeman to adjourn at 9:00 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Michelle Murray
Recorder of Minutes