

Melrose-Mindoro Board of Education

Regular Monthly Board Meeting

March 24, 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 Dunn, second by Sacia to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

Correspondence: Academic Decathlon Coach Randy Ebert wrote a heartfelt letter thanking the school board and administration for their constant support over the last 30 years. Mr. DeBerg read the letter and also informed everyone that Randy was presented with a 30 year plaque at State Academic Decathlon held March 14.

Administrator's Report

1. Congratulations to the Academic Decathlon team. They are Division 4 champions and will be able to compete in the online national competition held in April.
2. Good luck to Rick Paisley and Kim Sacia in the upcoming school board election.
3. CESA 4 will have a board outreach night on March 27 if any board members would like to attend with Mr. DeBerg.
4. WASB has an opening in our Region 6 Board of Directors if any board member is interested.
5. WASB also is presenting a Spring Academy workshop for interested board members.
6. Mr. DeBerg asked which board members would be interested in presenting diplomas at this year's graduation ceremonies. Terry Blaken and Rick Paisley volunteered.
7. The WIAA has two proposals coming up for a vote. One is to give private schools a multiplier of 1.65. This multiplier will increase the student enrollment for the school and then they would be placed in the appropriate division based on the number. The second proposal is to allow districts to determine conference realignments and allow the WIAA to step out of the process.
8. Mr. DeBerg would like to meet with the Negotiations committee on Wednesday, April 16 at 5:00 p.m.
9. Jim Briggs would like to show the board members what's happening in the Tech Ed department and also show off the Robotics team.

Open Forum-Open forum consisted of questions regarding the 8:00 p.m. start time for graduation ceremonies and coaching staff concerns expressed by community members to several board members since the last meeting.

Finance

Expenditures and Receipts through February were reviewed. Motion by Gerdes, second by Blaken to approve the check summary and vouchers in the amount of \$1,382,944.18. Motion carried 7-0. The Cash Flow and Activity accounts were reviewed.

Other Business

1. Preliminary 14-15 budget figures were presented by Mr. DeBerg to the board members.
2. Motion by Paisley, second by Gerdes to approve the addition bus loan payment in the amount of \$54,081 plus interest. Motion carried 7-0.
3. Motion by Blaken, second by Sacia to approve the bid presented by Melrose Farm Service for LP gas at \$1.44 per gallon. Allied presented a bid for \$1.79/gal. Federated didn't respond to the bid request. Motion carried 7-0.
4. Motion by Sacia, second by Paisley to approve the Gundersen Sports Medicine contract for 14-15 at a rate of \$1,095 and 15-16 school year for \$1,205. Motion carried 7-0.
5. Motion by Dunn, second by Zeman to approve the CESA 4 contract for 14-15 school year in the amount of \$134,093.15. Motion carried 7-0. This amount may change depending on the needs of students that may move in or out of the district.
6. Motion by Dunn, second by Sacia to approve hiring Brent Hangartner as the assistant track and field coach. Motion carried 7-0.

7. Motion by Gerdes, second by Sacia to approve the change in the school year ending due to inclement weather days. Pending no other late starts or cancellations occur the last day of school for students will be a full day (vs. a half-day) on Friday, June 6. Teachers will be expected to report all day on Monday, June 9 and a half-day on Tuesday, June 10. Motion carried 7-0.
8. Motion by Paisley, second by Zeman to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

Michelle Murray, Recorder of Minutes