

Melrose-Mindoro Board of Education

Regular Monthly Board Meeting

March 25, 2013

Board President Robert Hardie called to order the regular monthly meeting of the Melrose-Mindoro School Board of Education at 7:03 p.m. Administrators present: Superintendent Del DeBerg, High School Principal Jeff Arzt, K-8 Principal Corey Peterson, Finance Administrator Kim Bobo, Board Members present: Marlane Anderson, Becky Gerdes, Rod Everson, Rick Paisley, Joel Konze, and Kathy Dunn.

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

Correspondence- The family of Robert Kunes acknowledged receipt of the memorial sent to the family. Bob was the father of Beth McRae and recently passed away.

Administrator's Report

1. Congratulations to the Mel-Min Academic Decathlon team. They are state champions in Division 4 and placed third overall. They also qualified to compete in the national online competition held at the end of April. Fantastic job to Mr. Ebert and all the decathletes!
2. Augusta school district is expressing interest in joining the Dairyland Conference for sports.
3. Act 10 is still making headlines. Districts are advised not to make any decisions until Act 10 gets finalized.
4. The spring election will be held on April 2. This is Bob and Rod's last meeting. New and returning board members will be encouraged to attend a school board orientation workshop coming up at CESA 4 on April 17. Mr. DeBerg would also like to sit down with the new members to bring them up to speed regarding open records law, common core standards, and financing issues as well.

Open Forum –Rod doesn't feel that all our doors should be locked during the school day like they currently are. Many visitors confuse the circle drive as our main entrance instead of going to the front of the school building. Marlane invited the board members to a legislative forum held at CESA on April 4.

Finance

Expenditures and Receipts through February were reviewed. Motion by Gerdes, second by Everson to approve the check summary and vouchers in the amount of \$1,096,467.20. Motion carried 7-0. The Cash Flow and Activity accounts were reviewed.

Other Business

1. Motion by Dunn, second by Paisley to table WASB representative recognizing Bob Hardie & Rod Everson for years of service. The representative did not show up. Motion carried 7-0.
2. Motion by Everson, second by Konze to table the recommendation to offer a full 4K program. Motion carried 7-0. Surveys returned by parents show a preference for every day, half-day 4K. Comments made by parents at tonight's meeting felt it was less stressful for the student and offered a consistent schedule. Budget constraints may not allow this type of programming. More research will be conducted and reported back to the board at a future meeting.
3. Motion by Konze, second by Gerdes to approve the CESA 4 contracts for the 2013-2014 school year. Motion carried 7-0.
4. Motion by Dunn, second by Gerdes to hire Jamie Koss as high school head volleyball coach. Motion carried 7-0.
5. Motion by Gerdes, second by Anderson to hire Anthony Stelter, Gabe Schmidt and Jenna Johnson as assistant track and field coaches. Motion carried 7-0. Anthony will be a full time coach and Gabe and Jenna will each be half-time coaches.
6. Motion by Dunn, second by Paisley to regretfully accept the resignation of Deb Schaefer as Junior High Athletic Director. Motion carried 7-0.
7. Motion by Dunn, second by Everson to accept Jay Everson's request for two days without pay in the 2013-14 school year. Motion carried 7-0.
8. The vision therapy program started four years ago starting out with helping 3-5th grade students. It is now geared toward students in second grade. Again, parents, students and staff members working with the program were polled as to how the program has (or hasn't) helped the students. Based on budget considerations two conclusions were reached. The school funds this program without any state aid and in order to cut costs a stricter screening process would be implemented. Another option was to cut the program

entirely. Parents that were present at the meeting expressed their concern to keep the program running if at all possible.

9. Motion by Dunn, second by Konze to formally accept the gift of an AED from Gundersen-Lutheran. Motion carried 7-0.
10. Motion by Paisley, second by Dunn to table the WKCE testing results report. Motion carried 7-0.
11. Motion by Everson second by Gerdes to create a policy for placement of non-school related activity awards that are received at state and national competitions. Motion carried 7-0.
12. Motion by Paisley, second by Everson to allow the high school band and choir travel to Madison to play at the state capitol on April 9, 2013. Motion carried 7-0.
13. A Summer reading camp will be offered to incoming second and third grade students July 15-18 and July 22-25 from 9-12:30. Funding for this program came through the Title 6B grant the district received earlier this year.
14. This was the last official school board meeting for Bob Hardie and Rod Everson. After 39 and 24 years respectively, they have both decided not to seek re-election. Administration and staff are thankful to both of them for all their hard work and dedication to the district and for always putting children first. They will be missed but wish them success in their future endeavors.
15. Motion by Dunn second by Konze to adjourn at 10:03 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

Michelle Murray
Recorder of Minutes