

Melrose-Mindoro Board of Education

Regular Monthly Board Meeting

March 26, 2018

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-8th Gr. Principal Corey Peterson, Finance Administrator Kim Bobo. Board Members present: Shane Zeman, Rick Paisley, Becky Whalen, Terry Blaken, Kim Sacia and Kathy Dunn.

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

Correspondence: None.

Administrator's Report

1. Mr. DeBerg along with superintendents from Alma Center-Lincoln & Black River Falls met today with Jackson County Sheriff's Dept. to discuss ideas for creating a stronger, more positive presence in our school buildings and school safety. Recent legislation signed by Governor Walker allows schools to apply for grants to improve school safety and training for staff.
2. Congratulations to the team and individuals competitors at state wrestling as well as the girls' basketball team for their second place finish at state. The band and choir returned safely very early this morning from their trip to New York City.
3. Discussion as to moving the May board meeting to a different date due it falling on Memorial Day. Suggested to move to Wednesday, May 23.
4. Marlane & Rick will be on stage at Graduation to hand out diplomas on May 18.
5. Mr. DeBerg updated the board members of the future repairs and replacements of various items coming up in the 18-19 school year presented at the Budget meeting held last Friday.

Open Forum: Congratulations to junior high student Brooke Peterson. She competed at the state level Spelling Bee competition.

Finance: Review of the expenditures and receipts through February. There were no budget changes.

Motion by Whalen, second by Sacia to approve the check summary & vouchers in the amount of \$2,311,951.87. Motion carried 6-0.

Other Business

1. Motion by Zeman, second by roll call vote to adjourn to Executive Session per WI Statute 19.85 1(c) to consider employment, promotion or performance at 7:38 p.m.
2. Motion by Paisley, second by Zeman to reconvene to Open Session at 8:18 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.
3. Motion by Paisley, second by Whalen to hire Jeff Arzt as the Superintendent beginning July 1, 2018. Motion carried 6-0.
4. Academic Decathlon coach Randy Ebert & Mock Trial coach Jeff Woodward gave a brief review of their team accomplishments. Decathlon made its 12th consecutive appearance at state competition and received their fourth Division 4 championship. Mock Trial has been in existence for only three years and made huge gains every year competing at state. Most recently, they placed 10th out of 24 teams statewide (no divisions for school sizes) and snagged two of the ten awards handed out by the Mock Trial organization. Chandler DeBerg

for Best Attorney and Sydney Becker for Best Witness. Attorney Charles Betthausser of Sherman Law office in Black River Falls deserves thanks as well for providing the team with legal advice and strategy.

5. Campus construction is on time and under budget at this point. Hoping to finalize and order furniture in the week.
6. Motion by Whalen, second by Dunn to award First National Bank of Bangor the short term borrowing bid at 2.37%. Motion carried 5-0 with Blaken abstaining. Black River Country Bank had a bid of 3.25%
7. Motion by Sacia, second by Paisley to accept the \$10,000 donation for ACT Concrete. This money will be used to pay for weight room equipment. To date, the district has received \$23,000 of the \$28,000 total cost. Motion carried 6-0.
8. Motion by Blaken, second by Zeman to hire Mike Mathews as the assistant softball coach. Motion carried 6-0.
9. Motion by Dunn, second by Sacia to approve the CESA 4 contracts for the 2018-19 school year. Motion carried 6-0.
10. Motion by Blaken second by Paisley to award Federation Co-op the LP fuel bid for 2018-19. Their bid was at .87/gal for 100,000 gallons (plus 1,500 gal for the Melrose Pool). Motion carried 6-0. Other bidders were Allied Co-Op, Chippewa Energy, and Melrose Farm Service.
11. Motion by Sacia, second by Blaken to hire ARS as the abatement contractor for the next round of abatement work to be done in the science rooms, and kitchen areas. Motion carried 6-0.
12. Motion by Whalen, second by Zeman to approve the retirements by Connie Alvin, Tammy Schmidt-Lyga (both Title 1 reading teachers) and resignation of Steve Miller (high school special education teacher at the end of the 17-18 school year. Motion carried 6-0.
13. Mr. DeBerg reviewed the district wellness policy. This is to be done every three years.
14. Motion by Sacia, second by Paisley to adjourn at 9:00 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Michelle Murray
Recorder of Minutes