

Melrose-Mindoro Board of Education

Regular Monthly Board Meeting

March 27, 2017

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, Terry Blaken, Rick Paisley, Becky Whalen, Kathy Dunn and Kim Sacia.

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

Correspondence: None.

Administrator's Report

1. The Mel-Min Drama department produced another great performance of "The Music Man". Congratulations to all the performers for a wonderful show!
2. The Girls Basketball team was recognized for winning regional competition along with the Academic Decathlon team for their third place finish in Division 4 State competition. The Mock Trial team also competed at State and was 21st out of 24 teams.
3. State testing for several grade levels starts in full force next week. Junior completed ACT testing in late February and should be getting results soon.
4. Parents of PreK-10th grade students were polled about their transportation needs coming up in the 2018-19 school year.
5. School Board election along with election for State Superintendent will be held on April 4.

Open Forum: David Frahm from Arcadia made a few comments requesting that the board gets their spending under control and work with the community. Also, Mr. DeBerg should watch his words and ask the reporting paper to make corrections and/or ask for a retraction when something isn't reported correctly. Finally, he commented that we did not start the board meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. After he made these comments, he left the meeting. Arlan Stern asked the board to slow down the consolidated campus and listen to the taxpayers. He has people calling him all the time to tell him that the board should slow down. Kim asked why they aren't calling the board members and asking this. She (along with other board members) has received multiple positive comments about the building. Arlan was asked about the petition that he has been passing around the community to have the board reconsider. He said he didn't have the petition but later on presented a small sampling of the petition which he took back when he left the open forum. Tim Kunes feels that the minds of the board members were already made up prior to the referendum vote and that's why people aren't calling the board with the negative comments. Kathy Dunn stated that the result wasn't decided until election night and that the community voted for a consolidated campus. At this point, Marlane thanked the gentlemen for their comments and moved on to the rest of the meeting.

Finance

Motion by Dunn, second by Sacia to approve the Budget Change. This allows a Fund 49 to be set up for revenue for funds for the consolidated campus building. Motion carried 6-0. Expenditures and Receipts through February were reviewed and a motion by Whalen, second by Zeman to approve the check summary and vouchers in the amount of \$875,332.80. Motion carried 6-0. The Cash Flow and, Activity accounts were reviewed.

Other Business

1. Mr. DeBerg provided a handout outlining the consolidated campus. Preliminary bond rating call will take place next week. Phase 1 construction documents will be sent out for bid with a walk through of the building scheduled around April 17-18 and bids will be due April 27. Contact was made with various real estate agents regarding the Melrose & Mindoro buildings. There are community members that would be interested in sitting on a building committee.
2. Motion by Whalen, second by Zeman to award the 17-18 LP Fuel bid to Federation Co-Op for .82/gal. Other bidders were Melrose Farm Service (.839) and Allied Co-Op (\$1.05). Motion carried 6-0.
3. Motion by Whalen, second by Sacia to allow the junior high football players to scrimmage against other schools for a minimum of four games in the 17-18 school year. Motion carried 6-0.
4. Motion by Dunn, second by Blaken to award 'Bridging Brighter Smiles' (fna Smiles for Life) for the 17-18 school year. Motion carried 6-0.
5. Motion by Sacia, second by Paisley to approve the 2017-18 CESA 4 contracts. Motion carried 6-0.
6. Motion by Paisley, second by Blaken to approve the changes to the junior high math scope ad sequence along with the purchase of new 8th gr. Algebra textbooks. Motion carried 6-0.
7. Motion by Zeman, second by Dunn to approve the language changes when determining honor roll, GPA, and class rankings for high school students. Motion carried 6-0.
8. Motion by Zeman, second by roll call vote to adjourn to Executive Session 18.85(1)(f) to consider financial, medical, or personal histories of employee(s) at 8:23 p.m.
9. Motion by Dunn, second by Sacia to reconvene to Open Session at 8:47 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.
10. Motion by Sacia, second by Whalen to approve Sherry Scherr's request for days without pay. Motion carried 6-0.
11. Motion by Blaken, second by Sacia to accept the resignation of special education aide Lori Spors. Motion carried 6-0.
12. Motion by Whalen, second by Paisley to accept the retirement at the end of the 16-17 school year of high school music teacher Sharon Pfaff with many thanks. Sharon has been with the district since 1980. Motion carried 6-0.
13. Motion by Sacia, second by Zeman to adjourn at 8:50 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Michelle Murray
Recorder of Minutes