

Melrose-Mindoro Board of Education

Regular Monthly Board Meeting

May 18, 2015

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

Motion by Blaken, second by Zeman to approve the minutes from last month's meeting as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

Correspondence: Thank you from John McRae for the work the high school students did building 35 birdhouses and planting 175 trees on a local farm.

Administrator's Report

1. Calls made to Jackson Electric, Dairyland Power and Titan Energy regarding the charges for the high school generator has gone unanswered. Mr. DeBerg also sent a letter to Congressman Ron Kind.
2. High school yearbooks will be distributed on Tuesday. Approximately 115 were sold. A copy was available for the board to view.
3. Mr. DeBerg would like to meet with the Negotiations committee before the June board meeting. Members will contact him with a date that works for all concerned.

Open Forum- Kathy Dunn asked for permission to have copies of the book "The Hard Road" by Michael Pruett placed in the libraries. It is a true story and is faith based but a character in the book has local ties. The 5th grade students had the DARE graduation ceremony today and Kathy commended the officer and students on the great program.

Finance

Expenditures and Receipts through April were reviewed. Motion Whalen, second by Sacia to approve the check summary and vouchers in the amount of \$1,063,998.33. Motion carried 6-0. The Cash Flow and, Activity accounts were reviewed.

Other Business

1. The state budget continues to evolve. Joint Finance Committee is meeting tomorrow so the hope is that there will be firmer numbers after they meet.
2. Options for health insurance were presented. After much discussion the motion was made by Paisley, second by Dunn to select Option B with a 6.9% increase in premiums. Higher deductibles and out of pocket costs along with removing vision component. Motion carried 3-2 Paisley, Whalen, and Dunn voted 'yes' and Sacia and Zeman voted 'no', with Blaken abstaining. According to Robert's Rules of Order, there wasn't a tie and President Anderson did not vote.
3. Motion by Blaken, second by Zeman to discontinue the Vision Therapy program. Motion carried 6-0.
4. Work is continuing by H & H Civil Engineering on the athletic complex. Track is dug up and piping for the underground irrigation system is ongoing.
5. Motion by Whalen, second by Sacia to approve the open enrollment requests for the 2015-16 school year. Motion carried 6-0.
6. Motion by Blaken, second by Dunn to accept the resignation of high school head volleyball coach Jamie Koss. Motion carried 6-0.
7. Motion by Paisley, second by Zeman to accept the resignation of bus driver Jack Atkinson. Motion carried 6-0.
8. Motion by Sacia, second by Blaken to approve the contract with CESA 4 for an occupational therapist. Motion carried 6-0.

9. Motion by Blaken, second by Zeman to accept the 2016-2017 propane bid from Melrose Farm Service for .87 ½ /gal. Motion carried 6-0. Other bids were from Midwest Fuel at \$1.08/gal and Federation Co-Op at .99/gal.
10. Motion by Blaken, second by Paisley to sell the first grade desks. Motion carried 6-0.
11. Motion by Whalen, second by Sacia to approve the letter of reduction of workforce for Judy Gunther. Motion carried 6-0.
12. Motion by Sacia, second by Whalen to approve the donation committee fundraising letter for the athletic complex with some minor changes. Motion carried 6-0.
13. Motion by Paisley, second by Blaken to approve the co-op agreement between G-E-T and Mel-Min for high school girl's soccer. Motion carried 6-0.
14. Motion by Whalen, second by Zeman to adjourn at 8:55 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Michelle Murray, Recorder of Minutes