

Melrose-Mindoro Board of Education
Regular Monthly Board Meeting
Monday, May 18, 2020

Board President Rick Paisley called the regular monthly meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Administrators present: Superintendent Jeff Arzt, 7-12 Principal Rick Dobbs, ECH-6th Gr. Principal Corey Peterson and Finance Administrator Kim Bobo. Board Members present: Shane Zeman, Terry Blaken, Becky Whalen, Jodi Anderson and Kim Sacia. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Kathy Dunn attended via phone. The public was also allowed to connect to the meeting virtually through Google Hangouts or by calling in. All who were present then stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

A public hearing was held to consider the 2020-2021 school calendar per WI Stat. 118.045(3)-to request a waiver for early start of school year due to coronavirus pandemic. Mr. Arzt would like the option of starting the school year six days earlier only if we can meet with students for face to face instruction. Students would start August 24 instead of September 1. If this could not happen, the district may have the option to revert back to the previously approved calendar with the September 1 student start date. There is no interest in the early start unless we can meet face to face with students.

Motion by Blaken, second by Zeman to apply for the early start waiver only if face to face instruction can begin on August 24, 2020. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Sacia, second by Anderson to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Motion carried 6-0.

Correspondence: None

Administrator's Report: The WI Supreme Court struck down the Safer at Home order with the exception of keeping public and private schools closed until June 30, 2020. We hope to open for activities beginning in July and continue to seek guidance and advice from the Jackson County Health Department about doing so. The district will follow social distancing protocols in place at that time. Graduation is tentatively planned for July 12. Mr. Dobbs & Mr. Arzt will hold a virtual meeting with seniors and parents on Tuesday, May 20 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss options. The seniors last official day was May 15 and they have been busy turning in school technology and textbooks along with picking up their personal items from their lockers. The remainder of the JH/SH students will do so on May 28-29. Elementary students started picking up their materials today and will continue through this week.

The district received the 2020 girls state basketball finalist trophy. Mel-Min & Aquinas were named co-champs of the tournament after COVID-19 shut down state tournament play.

The school will continue with food service distribution to families in the district through June 30.

Driver Education, specifically behind the wheel training has been cancelled due to instructor Tom Anderson's retirement. Most students completed the classroom portion of the training and Mr. Anderson is refunding those students \$270. They will need to find another program to finish behind the wheel training.

Junior ACT scores continue to improve from year to year. These scores along with all other state testing reports will not be used to compute the district report card this year.

Open Forum: None

Finance: Review of the expenditures and receipts through April. Motion by Whalen, second by Sacia to approve the check summary & vouchers in the amount of \$621,300.97. Motion carried 6-0.

Other Business:

1. Motion by Blaken, second by Whalen to accept ProVizion Partners bid for LP fuel for the 2020-2021 school year at \$.89/gal. Motion carried 6-0. Other bids were received from Allied Co-Op (\$.98/gal) and Chippewa Valley Energy (\$.99). Melrose Farm Service declined to bid.
2. Motion by Sacia, second by Zeman to approve the updates to Policy 763-School Meal Account Charges & Collections. The policy now includes language that allows parents to now have the additional ability to pay through our student software system via e-check or credit card. Any charges associated with these services are the responsibility of the parent. Motion carried 6-0.
3. Motion by Whalen, second by Sacia to accept the retirements of 7-8 Math teacher Deborah Hoerres after 30 years of service, and paraprofessional Bambi Quall, after 20 years with thanks to both for the dedicated service to the district. 5-6th gr special education teacher Michelle Caravelli has resigned. Motion carried 6-0.
4. Motion by Sacia, second by Blaken to table hiring professional and support staff to a later meeting. Motion carried 6-0.
5. Motion by Blaken, second by Anderson to accept the resignation of head cross country coach Amy Becker. Motion carried 6-0.
6. Motion by Zeman, second by Sacia to hire Brad Sime as the head cross country coach. Motion carried 6-0.
7. Motion by Whalen, second by Anderson to renew the district's membership to the WIAA. Motion carried 6-0.
8. Motion by Blaken, second by Sacia to approve the 2020-2021 CESA 4 & CESA 10 contracts. Motion carried 6-0.
9. Motion by Zeman, second by Whalen to approve the 7-12th grade handbook changes. Changes were minor and involved removing names of retiring instructors and the athletic policy. Motion carried 6-0.
10. Motion by Zeman, second by roll call vote to adjourn to Executive Session per WI Statute 19.85 1(c) to consider employment, promotion, compensation or evaluation of personnel at 7:55 p.m.
11. Motion by Blaken, second by Anderson to reconvene to open session at 8:30 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.
12. Motion by Sacia second by Zeman to approve the WCA for health, Delta Dental for dental, NIS for \$10,000 Life A/D& D and long-term disability plans for the 2020-2021 school year. Motion carried 5-0 with Blaken abstaining.
13. Motion by Whalen, second by Anderson to adjourn at 8:33 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Michelle Murray
Recorder of Minutes