

Melrose-Mindoro Board of Education
Regular Monthly Board Meeting
November 23, 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-8th Gr Principal Corey Peterson, Finance Administrator Kim Bobo. Board Members present: Shane Zeman and Terry Blaken, Rick Paisley, Kim Sacia, Becky Whalen and Kathy Dunn.

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

Correspondence: Gene Stetzer thanked the district for the sympathy card sent for his mother Margaret Stetzer. Margaret retired from the district several years ago.

Administrator's Report

1. J Watt Foundation has awarded \$2,102 in grant money to be used towards the purchase of junior high girls volleyball uniforms. Many thanks to his organization for supporting our students.
2. School Board convention will be held in Milwaukee January 19-21. Please let Mr. DeBerg know if you are interested in attending soon so arrangements and registration can be made on your behalf.
3. The December board meeting will be held on the scheduled date and time. (December 28)
4. Local community member Quincey Daniels is one of 16 parent members of the State Superintendent's Parent Advisory Council.

Open Forum- Kathy Dunn commended the 8th grade Quiz Bowl team for their recent win at local competition.

Finance

Expenditures and Receipts through October were reviewed. Motion Whalen, second by Dunn to approve the check summary and vouchers in the amount of \$798,919.89. Motion carried 6-0. The Cash Flow and, Activity accounts were reviewed.

Other Business

1. The newly hired teachers introduced themselves to the board members. They were Megan Bradshaw (4th gr), Brenda Chamberlain (High school special Ed) and Aaron Schaitel (High school math).
2. Mel-Min PTO (Parent Teacher Organization) leaders Jess Mulholland and Stacey Spors gave the board an update of what has been happening over the past year. They have had a very successful year planning events ranging from movie nights, a sweetheart dance, plus having retired teachers and other adults come to school to read to the students for 'Breakfast and Books'. These efforts allowed the PTO to reduce the expense of back to school supplies for each student by about \$10.
3. Food Service Director Sarah McAdams also presented information about the past year. She informed the board members that the food service department is one of the most

mandated departments in schools. Many mandates were put in place before schools were able to successfully implement. One area was in whole grains. The drastic switch to whole grains was not received well by students and there was a drop in the number of lunches served. The district has joined a large buying group which provides monetary savings.

4. Air quality tests were performed in the Mindoro building as a result of a complaint. Tests came back with low mold counts. Mold spor levels were not significant cause of poor air quality in the building.
5. Motion by Blaken, second by Paisley to accept the resignation of Hannah Young as bus driver. Motion carried 6-0.
6. Motion by Whalen, second by Sacia to hire Rob Carrie as bus driver and Jane Waldoch as part time high school custodian. Motion carried 6-0.
7. Motion by Dunn, second by Blaken to hire Marla Hanley as the high school forensic coach. Motion carried 6-0.
8. Motion by Whalen, second by Sacia to hire Nick Anker as the weight room coordinator. Motion carried 6-0.
9. Motion by Paisley, second by Zeman to adjust the start and end times for the school day beginning in the 16-17 school year. Motion carried 6-0. The new start/end time for high school building will be 8:15-3:15. Elementary buildings will be 8:20-3:17. This will reduce the number of student contact days to 179 and allow another day for professional development.
10. Motion by Blaken, second by Sacia to approve the 2016-2017 school calendar. Motion carried 6-0.
11. Motion by Blaken, second by Sacia to co-op with Black River Falls for high school boys' soccer. Motion carried 6-0.
12. A facility planning committee is allowed to move forward. What this committee will look like specifically is up for consideration. Various ideas as to what the district should look like in the future and how to go about reaching those goals were also discussed.
13. Motion by Paisley, second by Whalen to adjourn at 8:45 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Michelle Murray
Recorder of Minutes