

Melrose-Mindoro Board of Education

Regular Monthly Board Meeting

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

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

Correspondence: Jessica Miler sent a thank you card for the memorial donated to her.

Administrator's Report

1. School audit is complete with the exception of four minor edits.
2. The District garage sale netted approximately \$1,200 including the sale of the 2005 Ford cargo van.
3. Thanks again to the La Crosse & Mindoro Lions clubs for providing vision screening services to our elementary students.
4. State school board convention will once again be held in Milwaukee January 16-19, 2018. Please let Mr. DeBerg know if you are interested in attending soon.
5. A Title 4 grant, if awarded, will be used to provide a social worker one day a week for the remainder of this year. Grant application has not been released yet but will be completed when it does.

Open Forum: None

Finance: Review of the expenditures and receipts through October. There were no budget changes. Motion by Whalen, second by Blaken to approve the check summary & vouchers in the amount of \$1,293,612.61. Motion carried 6-0.

Other Business

1. Lisa Vosin from RW Baird was here to answer questions regarding the new bond anticipation note and the sale of such bonds. Motion by Paisley, second by Whalen to approved the resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of \$10,000,000 bond anticipation note per WI Statutes 67.12 (1)(b). Motion carried 6-0.
2. Motion by Whalen second by Dunn to approve the resolution authorizing the issuance and establishing parameters for the sale of not to exceed \$10,000,000 general obligation refunding bonds. Motion carried 6-0.
3. Craig Namyst from Market & Johnson was here to provide an update of the construction. The weather has been favorable and has allowed construction to progress a little ahead of schedule. Gym walls are up, the foundation for the PreK-6 portion has been poured and framing of the 7-8th wing is starting this week.
4. Motion by Sacia, second by Blaken to move the December board meeting to Monday, December 18 at 6:00 p.m. since Christmas Day is on the regular board meeting night. Motion carried 6-0.
5. High school seniors are required to now pass the Civics Exam with a score of 65, up from 60 in past years.

6. We have three therapy dogs that come in and work with the 4K and KG students in the Melrose building. The dogs are a huge hit with students and allow the students to practice their reading skills by taking turns reading to these dogs.
7. With the state-level changes to teacher licensing how the district recognizes educational attainment will need to be discussed and reviewed. No action taken tonight.
8. Updates to the Professional and Support Staff handbooks were suggested. Items relating to pay for sub teachers, event workers, etc. were made along with making HSA deposits to eligible staff members in September vs. July. Other changes were to changes to emergency leave language and job vacancies and postings. Motion by Sacia, second by Zeman to approve changes. Motion carried 6-0.
9. Each Monday night from 6-7 p.m. the track is open to community members who can walk/run under the lights. As many as 15 people consisting of students, former students and community members have been participating.
10. Kari Peterson requested permission from the board to offer students a travel opportunity through EF Foundation to go to Europe in summer of 2019. This travel would be funded entirely by the student. At least seven students would need to commit before the trip would take place. Motion by Blaken, second by Paisley to approve. Motion carried 6-0.
11. Permits for flashing beacons to be placed on top of the school zone signs by the high school were sent to Town of Melrose & Farmington chairpersons. These beacons would be installed at the expense of the townships but Mr. DeBerg is seeking permission to reimburse the townships for the cost if placement is approved at the State level.
12. Motion by Sacia, second by Zeman to approve the 2018-19 school calendar (Draft #5). Motion carried 6-0.
13. The District and school report cards have been released to the public. Despite the multiple changes in tests taken the past three years, the district and individual schools are meeting or exceeding expectations.
14. Personnel hiring procedures were reviewed and updated.
15. Motion by Paisley, second by Sacia to approve Duet Consulting as the vendor for the FFE (Furniture, fixtures & equipment) portion of the campus project. Motion carried 6-0.
16. Motion by Paisley, second by Sacia to adjourn at 8:37 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Michelle Murray
Recorder of Minutes