

Melrose-Mindoro Board of Education
Regular Monthly Board Meeting
Monday, October 25, 2021

Board President Rick Paisley called the regular monthly meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Administrators present: Superintendent Jeff Arzt, 7-12th Gr. Principal Rick Dobbs, ECH-6th Gr. Principal Corey Peterson. Board Members present: Becky Whalen, Jodi Anderson, Kim Sacia, Terry Blaken, Kathy Dunn & Shane Zeman. All who were present then stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Correspondence: None.

Administrator's Report: October 3-9 was School Board Appreciation Week. The district is fortunate to have a board that cares so much about the students and staff of the district. Even though the recognition is only one week, it is celebrated throughout the entire year. The month of October was Principal Appreciation month and Mr. Arzt noted his appreciation for Principals Mr. Dobbs & Mr. Peterson and all the work they do to keep the school running smoothly.

Parent/Teacher conferences were held October 7 & 14. There were 330 conferences scheduled for PreK-6th Grade; 118 signed up for in-person conferences, 212 signed up for virtual. One parent in attendance stated, there was some confusion about which one you were signing up for on-line; in-person or virtual. The district will try to resolve this before the next conference time. Almost all of the 7-12 Parent/Teacher Conferences were held in-person.

Wisconsin Marketing Education Association (WMEA) that selected Business Education teacher Allison Rigotti as New Teacher of the Year. She was also elected to serve on their board as their Secondary Rep. Congratulations!

Based on local numbers the decision to move from masking to family choice for the 7-12th grade students was recently made due to 0 cases for two weeks, approximately 54% of the students vaccinated and 80% of staff vaccinated. Elementary has had several positive cases and the district will continue to require masks for the ECH-6th grade. Approval for vaccines for 5-11 year olds is on the horizon and that will hopefully help decrease the number of new cases.

Open Forum: Travis Powers appreciated all the communication between his family, board members and Mr. Peterson after last month's board meeting. He also shared his concerns about students not being allowed or reminded that they can take 'mask breaks' throughout the day.

Finance: Review of the expenditures and receipts through September. Motion by Whalen, second by Dunn to approve the check summary & vouchers in the amount of \$1,113,250.81. Motion carried 6-0. There were no budget transfers.

Other Business:

1. The annual Non Violent CPI Incident report was given for the 20-21 school year. 58 incidents resulted in seclusion and involved eight students, two of which were special education. There were 41 incidents of restraint and involved eight students, two that were special education. After each incident of seclusion or restraint, a report is completed and parents are contacted.
2. Motion by Blaken, second by Anderson to hire Kelly Mulholland as a 7-12th grade paraprofessional. Motion carried 6-0.
3. Motion by Dunn, second by Sacia to accept the resignation of 9-12th grade Math teacher Aaron Schaitel. Motion carried 6-0. Mr. Schaitel's last day will be October 29, 2021.
4. Motion by Zeman, second by Sacia to approve adding a National Honor Society to the Melrose-Mindoro High School programs. Motion carried 6-0.

5. Motion by Whalen, second by Dunn to add a National Honor Society Advisor position at 2% of the current base pay/Schedule C. Motion carried 6-0.
6. Motion by Sacia, second by Anderson to hire Abby Fernan as the National Honor Society Advisor and Tiffany Hulburt as Cheer Advisor, starting with the winter season. Motion carried 6-0.
7. Motion by Blaken, second by Sacia, to adjourn to the Annual Board Meeting at 7:31 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.
8. Motion by Sacia, second by Dunn to reconvene to the regular board meeting at 8:10 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.
9. Motion by Whalen, second by Sacia to approve 'Start College Now' courses for second semester. Motion carried 6-0. Students will be allowed to enroll and receive credit for college level classes while still attending high school.
10. Motion by Whalen, second by Dunn to approve the 2021-2022 tax levy in the amount of \$4,812,641.00. Motion carried 6-0.
11. Motion by Zeman, second by roll call vote to adjourn to Executive Session per WI Statute 19.85 1(c)- Consider Employment, Promotion, Compensation or Evaluation of Personnel at 8:13 p.m.
12. Motion to reconvene to Open Session at 8:35 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.
13. Motion by Sacia, second by Dunn to approve paying District Administrator five days of unused vacation time and to roll over remaining time to current year. Motion carried 6-0.
14. Motion by Blaken, second by Dunn to move Elementary School Counselor from MA3 to MA10 on the current salary schedule. Motion carried 6-0.
15. Motion by Whalen, second by Sacia, to adjourn at 8:37 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Michelle Murray
Recorder of Minutes