

## Melrose-Mindoro Board of Education

### Regular Monthly Board Meeting

October 28, 2024

#### CONVENE

Board President Rick Paisley called the regular monthly meeting of the Melrose-Mindoro School Board of Education to order 6:15 p.m. Administrators present: Superintendent Deanna Wiatt, 7-12 Principal Rick Dobbs, ECH-6<sup>th</sup> Principal Corey Peterson, and Finance Administrator Casey Pfaff. Board Members present: Terry Blaken, Becky Whalen, Geoff Rozek, Shane Zeman, and Emily Stanton. All who were present then stood for the Pledge of Allegiance. Motion by Whalen, second by Sacia to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

#### CONNECTION WITH THE COMMUNITY:

1. **Correspondence:** Thank you from Travis & Sadie Korth for the memorial gift from the board and administration. Their 12-day old son, William, passed away.
2. **Public Comment:** There was no public comment.

#### DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

- October wrapped up the fall sports season and as always, our student athletes did a great job representing the district.
- Last weekend the drama club presented the play, '*Ghostlight*'.
- Junior high students went on their first quarter incentive trip to Seven Bridges Park in Holmen.
- Deanna, Corey Peterson, Marie Sonsalla and Stacy Spors attended a conference outlining Act 20 reading guidelines. Aimsweb testing had a few glitches in internet connectivity but has been worked out.
- The district has once again rallied around another student tragedy. Youth Flag Football coach Catlin Donnelly and his son Catlin II, were involved in a motor vehicle accident last Monday where Catlin died as a result of his injuries and Catlin II was seriously injured but expected to recover. Please keep the family in your thoughts and prayers.

#### CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

1. **Minutes from the previous month's Regular Board Meeting:** Motion by Zeman, second by Rozek to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Motion carried 5-0.
2. **Finance:** Review of the expenditures and receipts through September. There were no budget changes. Motion by Whalen, second by Stanton to approve the check summary & vouchers in the amount of \$1,225,147.94. Motion carried 5-0. Cash flow and activity accounts were reviewed.
3. **Personnel Report:** **Resignations:** Paraprofessional Amber Williams (eff. 10-31-24) & 9-12 Math teacher Jacob Leibl (eff. 12-20-24). Motion by Whalen, second by Zeman to accept these resignations. Motion carried 5-0. **Hiring:** Motion by Blaken, second by Stanton to hire Chelsea Bruemmer as elementary paraprofessional. Motion carried 5-0. **Retirement:** None.

#### DISCUSS AND/OR TAKE ACTION

1. **Approve Start College Now application requests:** Motion by Whalen, second by Blaken to approve the 13 student requests for Start College Now. Motion carried 5-0.
2. **Consider Student Request for Reduced Schedule for 24-25 School Year:** Motion by Stanton, second by Zeman, to approve the requests for reduced schedule for Jetta Meyer. Motion carried 5-0. All students are in good standing and will meet their graduation requirements.
3. **Adjourn to Annual Meeting & Budget Hearing:** Motion by Zeman, second by Blaken to adjourn at 6:33 p.m. Motion carried 5-0. The board members then moved out to the JH/SH cafeteria for the Annual Meeting & Budget Hearing.
4. **Reconvene to Regular Board Meeting:** The regular board meeting was back in session at 6:46 p.m.
5. **Consider/Set Tax Levy for the 2024-2025 School Year:** Motion by Rozek, second by Zeman to approve the tax levy for the 2024-2025 school year in the amount of \$4,489,886.00. Motion carried 5-0.

**CLOSED SESSION**

Motion by Zeman, second by roll call vote to move to closed session at 6:47 p.m. The Board will discuss, consider and, if appropriate, take action pursuant to Wis. Stats §19.85(1)(i) "Considering any and all matters related to act of business under s. 560.15 which, if discussed in public, could adversely affect the business, its employees or former employees."

Also, the Board will discuss, consider and, if appropriate, take action pursuant to Wis. Stats §19.85(1)(c) "Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility" The board, if appropriate, will return to open session following the closed session to take action on the items discussed in the closed session.

Motion by Blaken, second by Stanton, to return to open session at 8:18 pm. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Zeman, second by Whalen to approve a survey to be sent to district community members that include three funding choices for an operational referendum. Motion carried 5-0.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Zeman, second by Whalen to adjourn at 8:11 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Michelle Murray  
Recorder of Minutes