

## Melrose-Mindoro Board of Education

Regular Monthly Board Meeting

Monday, October 22, 2018

Board President Marlane Anderson called the regular monthly meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Administrators present: Superintendent Jeff Arzt, Jr/Sr. High School Principal Rick Dobbs, ECH-6<sup>th</sup> Gr. Principal Corey Peterson, Finance Administrator Kim Bobo. Board Members present: Shane Zeman, Terry Blaken, Becky Whalen, Rick Paisley, Kim Sacia and Kathy Dunn. All who were present then stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**Correspondence:** Thank you cards from Dawn Kaiser & Mary Sinclair were read. Both of these women lost their fathers recently.

**Administrator's Report:** Congratulations to Colton Sime & Carrie Pfaff. They will be competing at State Cross County October 28.

**Open Forum:** Marlane asked if the water has been shut off in the old buildings yet. Mr. Arzt stated that they will be after the closings are complete. Terry asked if Market & Johnson have been paid in full and they have not but the district is wrapping up final orders and they should be paid in full in the near future.

**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 \$5,154,025.94. Motion carried 6-0.

### Other Business

1. Mr. Arzt reviewed the 2017-18 budget and previewed the 2018-19 budget prior to the Annual Meeting & Budget Hearing. He is projecting a balanced budget going forward. The first year at the new campus will be hard to figure what cost savings will be realized but he anticipates that it will be positive. There are still bills associated with maintaining the other two buildings until they can be closed and handed over to the new owners.
2. Transportation Director Brant Young gave his annual transportation report. We have increased the number of routes from nine to 10 this year due to more students riding the bus. The 2012 Thomas buses have been quite problematic and are not performing as they should but overall the fleet is in good shape. It is in the district's best interest to purchase another bus for regular route driving and then shift a bus to the spare bus line. These buses are used for athletic trips and in the event a regular route bus is in for repair. There have been numerous occurrences where a spare bus has not been available for such trips.
3. A motion by Paisley, second by Sacia to adjourn to the Annual Meeting & Budget Hearing at 7:28 p.m. Motion carried 6-0. Board members then moved out to the Junior/Senior High Cafeteria to hold that meeting.
4. Returned to complete the regular board meeting at 7:50 p.m.
5. Motion by Dunn, second by Zeman to approve the 2018-19 tax levy in the amount of \$4,517,703. This includes \$3,253,610 in Fund 10 (general operating) \$1,239,093 for Fund 39 (Debt Service) and \$25,000 for Fund 80 (Community Service). Motion carried 6-0.
6. Closing documents for the sale of the Melrose & Mindoro building are in process. The buyers of the Melrose building request that no other furniture or items be removed from the

building. The exceptions included the donated glass basketball backboards and scoreboard in the gym.

7. Motion by Paisley, second by Zeman to approve an all-season sports family pass for \$100. Motion carried 6-0. Couples that have purchased individual season passes this year will be grandfathered in to the family pass.
8. There were no professional or support staff resignations to act on so a motion to table was made by Dunn, second by Sacia. Motion carried 6-0.
9. Motion by Blaken, second by Whalen to approve hiring Scott Frampton as a regular route bus driver. Motion carried 6-0.
10. Motion by Dunn, second by Sacia to formally accept the donation from ALM Charities in the amount of \$8,380.25. Motion carried 6-0.
11. Athletic Director Lesley Thompson presented a request to start up a cheerleading team for the 18-19 winter sporting events. This would include wrestling and both boys and girls home basketball events for this first year with no travel. An advisor would be hired and team members would be encouraged to purchase their own uniforms until the group is more established. There are approximately 25 students that are interested in the activity. Motion by Sacia, second by Whalen to pursue hiring an advisor and allow cheerleading on this trial basis this school year. Motion carried 6-0.
12. The 2019-2020 school calendar was presented for review.
13. Motion by Whalen, second by Paisley to adjourn at 8:11 p.m. Motion carried.

Michelle Murray  
Recorder of Minutes