

Melrose-Mindoro Board of Education

Regular Monthly Board Meeting

October 28, 2013

Board Clerk Kathy Dunn called the regular monthly meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. President Marlane Anderson called shortly before the meeting began to state that she would be late (arrived at 7:15 p.m.) Administrators present: Superintendent Del DeBerg, High School Principal Jeff Arzt, K-8 Principal Corey Peterson, Finance Administrator Kim Bobo, Board Members present: Becky Gerdes, Kathy Dunn, Shane Zeman and Terry Blaken, and Rick Paisley.

A moment of silence was called for to remember Joel Konze who died in a car accident October 18, 2013.

Motion by Gerdes, second by Zeman to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

Correspondence- Mr. DeBerg received a sympathy card from Sue Heileman & Joan Hansen at Shared Purchasing Solutions in light of the district's loss of Board Member Joel Konze.

Administrator's Report

1. The 2012-13 annual school audit is complete and we have received the report from Engelson & Associates.
2. Congratulations to girls Cross Country team for qualifying for state competition coming up this weekend.
3. Sharon Pfaff and the Music Dept. received approximately \$2,000 towards the purchase of new microphones and a music shell from the Lunda Charitable Trust.
4. Compliments to the Melrose and Mindoro Fire Departments for their fire safety week presentations held and the elementary buildings.
5. Jackson Electric Youth Ambassadors held a friendly competition between the high schools recently. Over \$1667.05 was raised by students at Alma Center, Black River Falls, and Melrose-Mindoro with Mel-Min winning the competition by collecting the most money. Jackson Electric matched the fundraising efforts and \$3,334.10 was donated to Friends Sharing Food Pantry. Stephanie Pipkin, Courtney Hintz, and Leann Hertzfeldt are our school youth ambassadors.
6. A notice will be posted to fill the board vacancy created by Joel's death. The representative will be appointed at next month's meeting and serve until the April 2014 election.
7. The school garage sale netted approximately \$800.
8. Good luck to Riley Hanson as he is the only Wisconsin representative heading to the Delo Tractor Restoration national competition this week. This is Riley's second trip to Nationals.

Election of Board Officer-Motion by Blaken, second by Dunn to nominate Rick Paisley as the Vice-President. Motion carried 6-0.

Finance

Expenditures and Receipts through September were reviewed. Motion by Gerdes, second by Dunn to approve the check summary and vouchers in the amount of \$1,893,662.77. Motion carried 6-0. The Cash Flow and Activity accounts were reviewed.

Open Forum – Tory Lockington requested that more maintenance be done on the football field by school staff.

Other Business

1. Several of the new staff members were on hand and introduced themselves to the board members.
2. Mr. DeBerg briefly presented the budget for 2013-2014.
3. Motion by Paisley, second by Blaken to adjourn from the regular monthly meeting to the Annual meeting at 7:45 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.
4. Motion by Paisley, second by Blaken to return to the regular monthly meeting to finish agenda items at 8:22 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.
5. Motion by Gerdes, second by Dunn to approve the mill rate for 2013-14 school year at 10.79. Motion carried 6-0.
6. Motion by Paisley, second by Blaken to approve signage on school vehicles. Motion carried 6-0 with the suggestion of using the garage sale proceeds to pay for the cost of the signage.

7. Motion by Gerdes, second by Paisley to revise the GEDO #2 graduation option for students attending Coulee Region High School. Students who obtain this diploma will be able to participate in the senior slide show held graduation night and also have their picture in the yearbook. They will still not be able to participate in the senior breakfast or class trip. Motion carried 6-0.
8. Special Education Designee Marie Sonsalla presented the annual special education update. The number of students in special education remain steady at 110 students (approximately 14% of student body) with a majority of those students requiring speech and language services.
9. Motion by Blaken, second by Zeman to enter into a contract with Dynamic Recycling. The company will pick up, at designated times, various items for recycling such as computers, TVs, etc. Motion carried 6-0.
10. Motion by Gerdes, second by Dunn to adjourn to Executive Session 19.85 (1) (c) to consider employment and performance evaluation at 8:58 p.m. Motion carried by roll call vote.
11. Motion by Gerdes, second by Blaken to return to open session at 9:45 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.
12. Motion by Gerdes, second by Paisley to accept the resignation of first grade teacher Courtney Berg. Motion carried 6-0.
13. Motion by Paisley, second by Dunn to adjourn at 9:57 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Michelle Murray
Recorder of Minutes