

Melrose-Mindoro Board of Education

Regular Monthly Board Meeting

Monday, May 24, 2021

Board President Rick Paisley called the regular monthly meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Administrators present: Superintendent Jeff Arzt, 7-12 Principal Rick Dobbs, ECH-6th Gr. Principal Corey Peterson & Finance Administrator Casey Pfaff. 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 Dunn to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Motion carried 6-0.

Correspondence: There was no correspondence.

Administrator's Report: Mr. Arzt has been in contact with state legislators urging them to support education funding. The Joint Finance Committee approved an education budget that may jeopardize schools getting the ESSER II and ESSER III money allocated by the federal government.

COVID Vaccination clinic will be held this Wednesday, May 26 from 9-12 p.m. in our elementary cafeteria. This clinic is open to students 12 years old and older along with community members.

Mr. Arzt will be meeting with Bray Architects later this year to develop a state approved plan for an attached greenhouse. The plan is to have it attached to the Tech Ed building.

Seniors last day is May 25 with a class trip scheduled for May 26. Graduation ceremonies are planned for Saturday, May 29 at 2:00 p.m. Students will be allowed 10 tickets each.

A negotiation meeting is tentatively scheduled for June 9, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. More information will follow.

Two new buses were delivered this week from Mid-State Truck.

Academic Decathlon team placed 11th at national competition last month. Mr. Arzt provided a stat sheet for board members to review.

Open Forum: None.

Finance: Review of the expenditures and receipts through April. Motion by Whalen, second by Sacia to approve the check summary & vouchers in the amount of \$989,619.95. Motion carried 6-0.

Other Business:

1. DECA Advisor Allison Rigotti and student Noah Hanson provided the board members a "year in review" of the DECA program. Noah stated that he really enjoyed the competitions and allowed his teammates. It allowed him a different way to compete other than sports. They are both looking forward to increased membership in the coming years and the opportunity to participate at more events in person.
2. Mr. Arzt provided a Fund 49 update. The auditorium remodeling has been slowed a bit due to the asbestos in the original flooring. Motion by Dunn, second by Sacia to approve the purchase of a video system for the junior high gym and new furniture for the district/board office. Motion carried 6-0.
3. Motion by Blaken, second by Zeman to accept \$1,000 Autism Foundation grant to the special education department. Funds will be used to pay for a sensory walk for autistic children in the elementary school. Motion carried 6-0.
4. Motion by Sacia, second by Blaken to approve the open enrollment requests for the 21-22 school year. Motion carried 6-0.
5. Motion by Whalen, second by Dunn to accept the LP bid from ProVision Partners for \$1.09/gal for the 21-22 school year. Other bids were from Allied Co-Op (\$1.649); Chippewa Valley Energy (\$1.299/gal) and

Consolidated Energy (\$1.11/gal to 18,000 gal. tank and \$1.36/gal. for smaller tanks at bus garage, tech ed. building, maintenance shed & pool). Motion carried 6-0.

6. Motion by Zeman, second by Sacia to continue with WI Counties Association and Delta Dental for the 21-22 district health and dental insurance plans. Motion carried 6-0.
7. Motion by Blaken, second by Dunn to approve hiring the following professional and support staff: Molly Attoe(6-8th Gr. Guidance Counselor); Paige Butzler (Elementary Special Ed); Tammy Leis (7-12 Guidance Counselor); Marcus Leland (9-12th Gr. Social Studies); Penny Lash (Part time night custodian); Spencer Windsor (Full time night custodian) Transferring within the district is Joie (Bacon) Stark from night to day custodian; Paul Lash from bus driver to full time night custodian; Lindsay Rozek from Title 1 to 4th grade. Motion carried 6-0.
8. Motion by Sacia, second by Anderson to approve the resignations of Shayla Bluell and Joslyn Volm, paraprofessionals. Motion carried 6-0.
9. Motion by Dunn, second by Blaken to accept the resignation of Cheer coach Jenni Windsor. Motion carried 6-0.
10. Motion by Blaken, second by Dunn to table hiring coaching positions for a later meeting. Motion carried 6-0.
11. Motion by Whalen, second by Zeman to approve the renewal of the WIAA membership for 21-22 school year. Motion carried 6-0.
12. 7-12th Gr. Principal Rick Dobbs presented the annual update for emergency drill practices. These are the regular fire, tornado and ALICE intruder drills that the district must do each year.
13. Mr. Arzt discussed very preliminary fall re-opening plans. Students will wear masks through the end of the first session of GEO classes in June. The board will revisit the mask issue at the June board meeting. More staff and students will be immunized against COVID and that may allow for families a choice in regards to mask wearing.
14. Motion by Zeman, second by roll call vote to adjourn to Executive Session 19.85 1(c) to consider employment, promotion, compensation or evaluation of personnel at 8:05 p.m.
15. Motion by Sacia, second by Zeman to reconvene to Open Session at 8:30 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.
16. Motion by Whalen, second by Anderson to adjourn at 8:31 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Michelle Murray
Recorder of Minutes