

Melrose-Mindoro Board of Education

Regular Monthly Board Meeting

Monday, September 23, 2019

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 and Finance Administrator Kim Bobo. Board Members present: Shane Zeman, Terry Blaken, Kathy Dunn, Becky Whalen, Jodi Anderson and Kim Sacia. All who were present then stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Correspondence: None.

Administrator's Report: Mr. Arzt updated the board on the 18-19 budget.

Our 3rd Friday Count was on September 20. Preliminary head count for 19-20 school year is 784, up from 771 in January 2019.

E-Sports Club has 24 students participating this fall with another six students interested in participating in the spring session.

Payment from the Village of Melrose has been requested for pool expenses, part of which comes from Fund 80/Community Service Fund. The district has been borrowing funds to cover the expense associated with the pool due to non-payment from the Village. The Village Board has approved the payments but has yet to receive the check.

The district received one bid for installing air conditioning in the rest of the high school portion of the building and will wait to receive another bid before a decision is made whether to proceed with the project or not.

Homecoming week is this week and the parade will be in Melrose this year starting at 3:00 p.m. Mr. Arzt has been approached about the possibility of holding the parade on the campus. Board commented that they preferred to keep the parade in the towns, alternating years as it has in the past.

Survey information from parents, students, staff and community members has been compiled. Focus group meetings for parents and community members were held last week. The overall all results are positive and more information will be shared with the board at the November meeting.

Interviews for the finance administrator position will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday this week.

Open Forum: Track & Field Coach Tory Lockington asked the board to consider hiring a part-time pole vault coach for the upcoming season. On a personal note, Tory & his wife Shelia, asked the board to consider allowing 8th grade students taking high school math courses to receive grade/credit on their high school transcripts. High School Principal Rick Dobbs stated that this matter is being addressed.

Finance: Review of the expenditures and receipts through August. Motion by Zeman, second by Dunn to approve the necessary budget changes. Motion by Whalen, second by Sacia to approve the check summary & vouchers in the amount of \$1,173,690.49. Motions carried 6-0.

Other Business

1. Motion by Blaken, second by Anderson to accept the resignation of JV Boys Basketball Coach Nick Anker, C-Team Boys Basketball Coach Les Pfaff, and 7th Grade Boys Basketball Coach Jim Fischer. Motion carried 6-0.

2. Motion by Sacia, second by Dunn to hire Les Pfaff as the JV Boys Basketball coach and Stacy Humfeld as Forensics Advisor. Motion carried 6-0.
3. Motion by Sacia, second by Whalen to hire Jill Gunderson as 7-12th Gr. teacher (.50 FTE). Motion carried 6-0.
4. Motion by Dunn, second by Whalen to approve Nordstrom Construction bid for the construction of a maintenance shed and authorize superintendent to sign any change orders. Motion carried 6-0.
5. Motion by Zeman, second by Blaken to fund Show Choir if grant application is denied. Motion carried 6-0.
6. The board reviewed the required Series 100 (Board Operations) policy which is our current policy. Each month, a new series of policies will be presented for revision, review, and approval and bring our current policy handbook up to date.
7. Motion by Blaken, second by Zeman to allow Steve Peters and son to walk through the School Forrest to access hunting ground not owned by the school district provided that they carry their unloaded firearms through the property. Permission will expire on December 31, 2019. Motion carried 6-0.
8. Motion by Zeman second by roll call vote to adjourn to Executive Session 19.85 1 (c) at 7:45 p.m. to consider employment, promotion, compensation or evaluation of personnel.
9. Motion by Zeman, second by Whalen to reconvene to Open Session at 8:16 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.
10. Motion by Blaken, second by Dunn to table consideration of compensation for transportation director position. Motion carried 6-0.
11. Motion by Sacia, second by Whalen to adjourn at 8:18 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Michelle Murray
Recorder of Minutes