

Melrose-Mindoro Board of Education

Regular Monthly Board Meeting

Monday, September 24, 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-6th Gr. Principal Corey Peterson, Finance Administrator Kim Bobo. Board Members present: Shane Zeman, Terry Blaken, Becky Whalen, Rick Paisley and Kathy Dunn. All who were present then stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Correspondence: A thank you from Betty Kirchner for inviting the retired teachers to the back to school luncheon.

Administrator's Report: The Open House was very well attended by the community. Thank you to all the students who participated from the band to recent graduates Bryce Sather & Tucker Haag who set the time capsule stone after Mr. Arzt addressed the assembly along with the staff that provided tours of the campus. Special thanks were to the custodians who were very busy all summer moving things from the Melrose & Mindoro buildings to the campus. We have a lot to be proud of and couldn't have done it without the community support.

Our unofficial Third Friday count is at 770 vs. 737 from last year.

The Jackson County Chronicle newspaper will publish their last edition on September 21. The district will need to consider selecting another paper for required legal postings and decide how to best reach the community with announcements. We do post our board notices and minutes to our district web page at this time.

The district received approximately \$40,470 in the second round of school safety grants.

ALM Charities donated \$8,380.25 which will be used to purchase a sound system and conductor's podium the Music department along with a kiln and pottery wheel for the Art department.

A community member is interested in purchasing a flag pole from one of the elementary buildings. Mr. Arzt will look into this request to see if it can be done before or after the school auctions.

The time capsule that is currently in Mindoro will be brought to the consolidated campus and will be opened at the designated time.

Discussion about updating the school sign to possibly an electronic version for ease of updating daily.

The 17-18 budget had less than \$700 in changes from last month.

Surveyors are finishing their job at the Mindoro building this week.

Open Forum: Kathy Dunn wanted to know if the custodial staff could cut the weeds down at the Melrose playground in the near future. There are still kids that play on the equipment there.

Finance: Review of the expenditures and receipts through August. Motion by Whalen, second by Sacia to approve the check summary & vouchers in the amount of \$1,420,949.59. Motion carried 6-0.

Other Business

1. Jackson County Sheriff Duane Waldera presented information regarding the shared funding of a school resource deputy between his department, the Ho-Chunk Nation and Black River Falls, Alma Center-Lincoln and Melrose-Mindoro school district. Ideally, Sheriff Waldera is

- looking for a three to five year commitment from each organization. No action was taken at this meeting but the district is looking at all avenues to fund this worthwhile venture.
2. The punch list is getting smaller. This is a list of jobs that need to be wrapped up before the construction project is finalized. This includes furniture & equipment purchases.
 3. ECH-6th Gr. Principal Corey Peterson recently surveyed parents of children in K-3rd grade about before & after school care for their children. Currently, parents may drop off their children starting at 7:00 a.m. and pick them up by 4:30 p.m. during the school year only. No care would be provided on inclement weather days where there is a late start or early dismissal or no school at all. The possibility of expanding the program to allow more students to participate was discussed.
 4. Motion by Dunn, second by Zeman to approve the resignation of Heather Thomas in the kitchen and the retirement of Head Cook Diane Zibrowski after 32 years with the district. Motion carried 6-0.
 5. Motion by Blaken, second by Dunn to hire Nancy Willger as part time in food service. Motion carried 6-0.
 6. Motion by Zeman, second by roll call vote to adjourn to Closed Session at 8:00 p.m. to resume negotiations for the sale of the elementary buildings and bus garage.
 7. Motion by Paisley, second by Zeman to reconvene to Open Session at 8:54 p.m. Items addressed in closed session relating to the timeline for the sale of the properties, setting a date for a special board meeting on October 17 at 6:00 p.m. Final discussion included a procedure for gifting a portion of property to the Town of Farmington & the Village of Melrose.
 8. Motion by Blaken, second by Whalen to adjourn at 8:55 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Michelle Murray
Recorder of Minutes