

Melrose-Mindoro Board of Education

Regular Monthly Board Meeting

September 25, 2017

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

Administrators present: Superintendent Del DeBerg, High School Principal Jeff Arzt, ECH-8th Gr. Principal Corey Peterson, Finance Administrator Kim Bobo. Board Members present: Shane Zeman, Rick Paisley, Becky Whalen, Terry Blaken, Kim Sacia and Kathy Dunn.

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

Correspondence: Karen Giese sent a thank you card for the memorial donated in her father's memory.

Administrator's Report

1. There will be a Budget committee meeting on Friday, October 13, 2017 at 6:30 a.m.
2. DPI has relaxed the teacher licensing regulations for obtaining and renewing licenses. After six semesters of successful teaching, teachers and administrators will have a lifetime license.

Open Forum: Kathy Dunn thanked Market & Johnson for providing the drone footage of the campus construction. It is posted on the district website and Facebook pages. Kim Sacia was excited that the homecoming dance was held on Saturday vs. Friday night. There were a lot more students in attendance than in the past. Paul Nau asked if the board minutes from previous meetings could be posted/published sooner than current practice. The delay is due to approving the past meeting minutes and the current board meeting and then sending to print. It is possible that unapproved minutes could be posted sooner.

Finance: Review of the expenditures and receipts through August. There were no budget changes. Motion by Whalen, second by Blaken to approve the check summary & vouchers in the amount of \$1,465,037.70. Motion carried 6-0.

Other Business

1. Campus construction updates include the electrical transfer done on September 15. Casework in the high school offices was completed along with the 12,000 gal. fuel tank moved closer to the bus garage. Trees were cleared for the drainage pond and the new septic system is ready. Footers and firewalls are also construction. Due to having not power on the 15th, high school students took a variety of businesses and college tours.
2. Mr. DeBerg met with various community members met with Jon Schuster from Rainbow Realty regarding the Melrose & Mindoro buildings. Chris Hardie is part of the Jackson County Economic Development and they conducted a survey showing a high need for child care in Jackson County. Splitting the school land near the buildings was discussed. One idea is to parcel the playgrounds off for the respective communities to maintain. There is a lot of time to discuss all options.
3. Budget updates for the 17-18 state and district budget was handed out. The State budget was signed last Friday by Governor Walker almost three months late, which has held up budgeting for school districts.
4. In a motion by Paisley, second by Sacia, CESA 10 was approved as the owner's rep for Phase 2 asbestos abatement not to exceed \$9,919. Areas included for abatement are the high school science rooms, bathrooms, storage and possibly hallway tile. Motion carried 6-0.

5. Motion by Dunn, second by Whalen to accept the resignation from Connie Craig as the high school athletic director. Motion carried 6-0.
6. Motion by Blaken, second by Zeman to hire Kelsey Woodward as the high school drama coach. Motion carried 6-0.
7. Motion by Paisley, second by Dunn to hire Les Pfaff as the C-team boy's basketball coach. Motion carried 6-0.
8. Motion by Blaken, second by Sacia to approve Kari Johnson and Corey Peterson as the authorized signers of the junior high student council checking account. Motion carried 6-0.
9. Buildings & Grounds Director Tony Proft updated the board members on all the projects that have been completed this past year. New LED lighting has replaced the old lighting in both the gyms and should pay for themselves in 10 ½ months. The custodial crew has done a fantastic job going above and beyond the normal call of duty during the high school remodeling. John Shramek deserves extra thanks for the great work keeping the athletic field looking so good.
10. Motion by Sacia, second by Zeman to hold a district garage sale, date to be determined. Motion carried 6-0.
11. Motion by Paisley, second by Whalen to hire Jim Briggs as the curriculum coach for the 17-18 school year. Motion carried 6-0.
12. Motion by Zeman, second by roll call vote at 8:06 p.m. to adjourn to Executive Session per WI State Statute 18.85 1 (c) to consider employment, promotion, compensation or evaluation of personnel.
13. Motion by Paisley, second by Blaken to reconvene to open session at 9:08 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.
14. Motion by Sacia, second by Blaken to approve a 2.75% total package for administrative staff. Professional staff will receive 2.75% on total base wages, and support staff to receive .40 per hour increase. All are retroactive to July 1, 2017. Motion carried 6-0. A motion by Sacia, second by Blaken also approved an additional \$1,000 to Building & Grounds Director with an additional \$1,000 upon completion of WASBO Facilities Manager Certification. Motion carried 6-0.
15. Motion by Zeman, second by Sacia to recognize staff members who earned additional credit or completed another step in the professional development. Motion carried 6-0.
16. Motion by Whalen, second by Dunn to adjourn at 9:11 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Michelle Murray
Recorder of Minutes