

Melrose-Mindoro Board of Education

Regular Monthly Board Meeting

April 22, 2024

CONVENE

Board President Rick Paisley called the regular monthly meeting of the Melrose-Mindoro School Board of Education to order 6:15 p.m. Administrators present: Superintendent Deanna Wiatt, 7-12th Grade Principal Richard Dobbs, ECH-6th Principal Corey Peterson, Finance Administrator Casey Pfaff and Building & Grounds/Transportation Director Dan Stetzer. Board Members present: Becky Whalen, Kim Sacia, Geoff Rozek, Shane Zeman, and Emily Stanton. All who were present then stood for the Pledge of Allegiance. Motion by Zeman, second by Sacia to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

The election of officers took place. Nominations were made and unopposed and carried 5-0 for the following positions: President Rick Paisley; Vice President Shane Zeman; Clerk Kim Sacia and Treasurer Becky Whalen.

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

- State Highway 108 culvert & road work has begun with little interruption to our bus routes.
- Ben Woof was introduced as the district's new IT Director (to be approved later in this meeting). He will begin working with retiring IT Director Dave Speckeen to make the transition as smooth as possible.
- The district is moving towards self-funded insurance through Ticket Health. Weekly implementation meetings with Allegiance are going well.
- All board members are invited to a ribbon cutting celebrating our first electric bus in the district on at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 2. It will take place near the elementary building entrance in the large parking lot.
- The board is welcome to attend Scholarship night on Monday, May 6. There are many generous community members and local business that hand out thousands of dollars each year to student as they graduate and head off to college.
- State testing for students will wrap up this week.
- Graduation will take place on Friday, May 17 at 7:30 p.m. Rick Paisley, Geoff Rozek and Emily Stanton will be on the stage to assist with handing out diplomas.

CONNECTION WITH THE COMMUNITY:

1. **Correspondence:** There was no correspondence.
2. **Public Comment:** There was no public comment.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

1. **Minutes from the previous month's Regular Board Meeting:** Motion by Sacia, second by Rozek to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Motion carried 5-0.
2. **Finance:** Review of the expenditures and receipts through March. There were no budget changes. Motion by Whalen, second by Zeman to approve the check summary & vouchers in the amount of \$2,619,458.47. Motion carried 5-0. Cash flow and activity accounts were reviewed.
3. **Personnel Report:** Motion by Whalen, second by Zeman to approve the resignations for coaching, support & professional staff. Motion carried 5-0. **Resignations:** David Waraxa, head high school Volleyball; Treston Frey, head Baseball coach, Mya Tepp, high school Math & assistant Track & Field. Steve Boe, Agriculture teacher & FFA Advisor; Dawn Speckeen, tech aide.
Hiring: Motion by Sacia, second by Rozek to hire Ben Woof as district IT Director; Justin Koss as head baseball coach; Scott Scholze as head JH football coach; Sam Johnson as head JH wrestling coach and water safety instructors and lifeguards as presented. Motion carried 5-0.
Retirement: After 26 years at Mel-Min, elementary teacher Teri Sanders submitted her letter of retirement effective at the conclusion of the 23-24 school year. Motion by Sacia, second by Rozek to approve. Motion carried 5-0.

DISCUSS AND/OR TAKE ACTION

- 1. Discuss Electric Bus:** Transportation Director Dan Stetzer will discuss more about the bus at next month's meeting. There were some charger issues early on but they have been resolved. At the beginning of use, the bus was averaging 85-90 miles on a charge but now it is approximately 115 miles per charge. The bus drives a little smoother than the diesel buses and is quieter with fewer emissions.
- 2. Consider Request for 6th Grade students to participate in Cross Country-**Motion by Zeman, second by Rozek to approve. Motion carried 5-0.
- 3. Discuss Athletic Handbook Changes-**High School Principal Rick Dobbs notified the board that Athletic Director Zach Severson has been working on finalizing athletic handbook language for dual sport athletes and would like to remove the limit on early release from school in order to attend sporting events on time. Spring sports seem to be affected more.
- 4. Consider Moving May Regular Board Meeting from May 27 to May 20, 2024:** Memorial Day holiday falls on May 27. Motion by Zeman, second by Whalen to approve moving the regular May board meeting to May 20, 2024. Motion carried 5-0.
- 5. Consider Senior Request for Reduced Schedule in 2024-2025 school year:** Motion by Stanton, second by Sacia to allow Jillian Streetman's request for a reduced schedule next school year. She is on track to graduate. Motion carried 5-0.
- 6. Approve 2024-2025 CESA Contracts:** Motion by Sacia, second by Rozek approve the 2024-2025 CESA 4 contract which includes 36 days for a school psychologist. In the same motion, the CESA 10 Environmental Health & Safety Program agreement was approved. The Distance Learning program (Project Circuit) contract was not renewed and will terminate the contract effective June 30, 2024. The termination was requested via email July 24, 2023 but CESA 10 would not honor this termination without board approval. Motion carried 5-0.
- 7. Consider Short Term Borrowing Bids for 2024-2025:** Motion by Sacia, second by Stanton to award Black River Country Bank the short-term borrowing bid at 3.75%. Motion carried 5-0. First National Bank also submitted a bid of 4.10%.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Zeman, second by roll call vote to move to Closed Session at 6:55 p.m. The Board will discuss, consider and, if appropriate, take action pursuant to Wis. Stats 19.85 (1) (c) "Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility". Motion by Whalen, second by Rozek to return to regular session at 7:27 PM.

Motion by Sacia, second by Whalen to approve professional & support staff employment information as presented in closed session. Motion carried 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Zeman, second by Rozek to adjourn at 7:28 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Michelle Murray
Recorder of Minutes