

MERTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education
June 29, 2020
6:00 p.m.

President Dobbertin called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance followed. Dobbertin announced the meeting was properly posted. Board members in attendance were Dobbertin and Kent, while, Spindler and Neuman were present virtually. District Administrator, Dr. Ronald Russ was in attendance. There were no reporters and approximately 10 citizens attended.

Public Hearing and Approval of Instructional Minutes Waiver

Dr. Russ presented a waiver of instructional minutes due to COVID for the 2019-20 School Year. The District went into virtual instruction beginning on March, 19, 2020. A public hearing was held with no one in the audience commenting during public comment. The resolution was to request a Waiver of Instructional minutes was passed (4-0) by the Board of Education with a motion by Spindler, second by Neuman.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Spindler, second by Kent to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously (4-0).

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Spindler, second by Kent to approve board meeting minutes of:

Monday, May, 18, 2020 @ 6:00 p.m.

Monday, June 22, 2020 @ 5:00 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously (4-0).

Approval of Financial and Bill Listing

Motion by Spindler, second by Neuman to approve Payroll Direct Deposits #900051895-900051995 in the amount of \$149,912.92, 900051996-900052095 in the amount of 139,188.43, 900052096-900052200 in the amount of 149,754.31, Wire Transfers #201900287-201900322 in the amount of \$414,975.99, Accounts Payable Checks #54235-54313 in the amount of \$263,939.20, AP Wire Transfers #201900296-201900327 in the amount of \$1,537.19, Credit Card Transactions #052020 in the amount of \$35,849.78 and ACH/Direct Deposit #192000178-192000195 in the amount of \$1,310.83. Motion carried unanimously (4-0).

Delegations to be Heard

There were none.

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Administrator's Report

A. Action

Motion by Neuman, second by Kent to approve the donations as presented. Motion carried unanimously (4-0).

Motion by Newman, second by Spindler to approve the resignations from Lindsay Johnson, Michael Werni, Amanda Venti and Sherri MacGregor as presented. Motion carried unanimously (4-0).

Motion by Neuman, second by Spindler to approve the individual teaching contracts for Heather Ertl, Natalie Denboer, Ashley Bartlett, Emily Panaro, Jennifer Schwingle, Justin Dusso, and Olivia Greipentrog as presented. Motion carried unanimously (4-0).

New Business

A. Update on Fall Opening of School (Discussion)

Dr. Russ gave an update on the progress being made towards a fall reopening due to the COVID 19 concerns. Information was shared about scenarios being considered, but no final decisions or recommendations have been made. Merton continues to work with Waukesha County (Executive's Office and Health Department), state health officials, DPI, and other school districts to best propose a plan for the board to consider and ultimately approve. The administration will keep the board, community, and staff updated. The goal would be to have a plan for approval in front of the board in late July, early August.

B. Final Review/Approval of 2020-21 Employee Handbook(Action)

Motion by Neuman, second by Kent to approve the proposed 2020-21 Employee Handbook as presented. Motion carried 3-0 (Spindler sustained from voting due to a conflict of interest).

C. Approve 2020-21 Teacher Contracts (Action)

Motion by Neuman, second by Kent to approve the 2020-21 Teacher Contracts as presented. Motion carried unanimously (4-0).

D. Approve Administrative Contracts (Action)

Motion by Neuman, second by Kent to approve the Administrative Contracts as presented. Motion carried unanimously (4-0).

E. Final Reading of the District Social Emotional Learning Curriculum (Action)

Motion by Spindler, second by Neuman to approve the new District Social Emotional Learning Curriculum. Motion carried unanimously (4-0).

F. 2020-21 Open Enrollment Applications (approvals, denials, waitlists) (Action)

Motion by Spindler, second by Neuman to approve all incoming applications who do not have an IEP (not including Speech only) and/or an expulsion order. Motion carried unanimously (4-0).

Motion by Spindler, second by Kent to approve all students who have applied out of the MCSD. Motion carried unanimously.

G. District obligation to intentionally encourage social justice (Discussion)

The Board and Dr. Russ discussed creating a curriculum team to review opportunities to infuse social justice and culturally sensitive topics into our curriculum throughout the district. The goal would be to have recommendations made to the board for consideration starting the 2021-22 school year. The Student Achievement Committee would oversee this project. The Board directed the Student Achievement Committee to move forward with this.

H. Facility Usage over the Summer (inside/outside facilities) (Discussion)

Dr. Russ and the Board discussed the possibility of opening up inside and outside facilities after the state order is lifted on July 1, 2020. Everyone agreed that inside was to remain closed until further guidance comes from Waukesha County, but discussed the pros and cons of opening our outdoor facilities to the public given Waukesha County's gathering orders. Ultimately the board did authorize the administration to open the grounds to facility usage after July 1, 2020 in accordance with Waukesha County guidelines.

Future Meeting and Agenda Items

-July 20, 2020 @ 6:00 p.m.

Monthly Meeting

-August 31, 2020 @ 7:00 p.m.

Monthly Meeting

Motion by Spindler, second by Neuman to adjourn at 7:09 p.m. Motion carried unanimously (4-0).

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Welnetz

District Clerk