**MERTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

 **Board of Education**

**Monday, October 23, 2017**

**7:00 p.m.**

President Dobbertin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance followed. Dobbertin announced the meeting was properly posted. Board members present were Dobbertin, Pfeiffer, Buening, Spindler and Welnetz. District Administrator Russ was in attendance. There were no reporters and approximately 12 citizens.

**Approval of Agenda**

Motion by Pfeiffer, second by Welnetz to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**Student Showcase**

Mr. Sutter and 6 of his fourth graders were there to share with the board a lesson they learned in communication/cooperation. They formed two teams, including the board members and had a competition in stacking cups without using their hands. They had to use string.

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Pffeiffer, second by Spindler to approve the board meeting minutes of Monday, September 25, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of Financial Report and Bill Listing**

Motion by Pfeiffer, second by Spindler to approve Payroll Check #553678 in the amount of $46.17, Direct Deposit #900045045-900045151 in the amount of $131,134.35, Wire Transfers #20170014-201700150 in the amount of $210,109.77, Accounts Payable Checks #52491-52566 in the amount of $220,665.99, AP Wire Transfers #201700138-201700156 in the amount of $12,688.84, Credit Card Transaction #0820 in the amount of $44,357.95, Credit Card Transactions #171800064&171800070 in the amount of $11,389.34 and ACH/Direct Deposit #171800063-171800078 in the amount of $2,265.03. Motion carried unanimously.

**Delegations to be Heard**

There were none.

**Administrator’s Report**

1. **Action**

Motion by Welnetz, second by Pfeiffer to approve the donations as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Pfeiffer, second by Spindler to approve the resignation of Mark Ferguson as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

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1. **Information**

Mr. Russ reported to the board on the District’s Forward Exam scores.

**Committee Reports**

1. **Finance Committee**

Business Manager Sherri MacGregor reported to the board on the most recent meeting. The 2017-18 Budget and Tax Levy, a Budget update and a Food Service update were discussed.

1. **Student Achievement Committee**

The Math and Digital Literacy recently met and discussed curriculum updates.

1. **Facility Committee**

The committee recently met and discussed the Intermediate School Learning Lounge and reviewed/updated the 10 year facility plan.

**Principal’s Report**

Principal Budisch and Principal Posick reported to the board on new furniture at the Intermediate, the new library at the Primary, the very successful Boosterthon and Red Ribbon Week.

**New Business**

1. **Approve 2017-18 District Budget/Tax Levy (Action)**

Motion by Pfeiffer, second by Buening to recommend to certify the tax levies of:

Fund 10: $4,191,985

Fund 41: $200,000

Fund 39: $338,540

For a total tax levy of $4,730,525

Be it resolved that the property tax levy to fund the 2017-18 Merton Community School District operations be set at $4,730,525 and that the necessary certifications be forwarded to the clerks of the appropriate municipalities.

Motion carried unanimously.

1. **2018-19 Student School Calendar (Discussion)**

A brief discussion was held in regards to the 2018-19 calendar and whether or not there should be a consistent week off for Spring Break.

1. **Possible action to approve facility improvement to Intermediate School Learning Lounge (Action)**

Motion by Welnetz, second by Spindler to authorize a dollar amount not to exceed

$42,000 to create a 7th/8th grade learning lounge in Merton Intermediate School. Motion carried 3-2.

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**Future Meeting and Agenda Items**

-November 27, 2017 @ 7:00 p.m.

Monthly Meeting

-December 18, 2017 @ 7:00 p.m.

Monthly Meeting

Motion by Buening, second by Welnetz to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Randy Buening

District Clerk