

MERTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education
Monday, October 26, 2020
6:00 p.m.

President Dobbertin called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance followed. Dobbertin announced the meeting was properly posted. Board members in attendance were Dobbertin and Welnetz were present with Kent, Spindler and Neuman presenting virtually. District Administrator Russ was in attendance. There were no reporters and 0 citizens in attendance.

Approval of Agenda

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

Student Showcase

No Student Showcase

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Spindler, second by Neuman to approve board meeting minutes of Monday, September 28, 2020 @ 5:00 p.m. Closed Session, Monday, September 28, 2020 @ 6:00 p.m. Open Session, Thursday, October 8, 2020 @ 4:45 p.m. Closed Session and Wednesday, October 14, 2020 @ 6:00 p.m. Open Session. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Financial and Bill Listing

Motion by Spindler, second by Welnetz to approve Payroll checks #553789-553790 in the amount of \$279.35, Direct Deposit #900052778-900052880 in the amount of \$141,783.38, Direct Deposit #900052881-900052982 in the amount of \$154,678.05, Wire Transfers #20200075-20200102 in the amount of \$292,265.54, Accounts Payable Checks #54466-54499 in the amount of \$130,379.82, AP Wire Transfers 20200079-20200081 in the amount of \$3,536.21, Credit Card Transactions #92020 in the amount of \$42,820.41 and ACH/Direct Deposit #202100020-202100023 in the amount of \$251.18. Motion carried unanimously.

Delegations to be Heard

No delegations were heard.

A. Administrator's Report

1. Acceptance of Donations (Action)

Motion by Welnetz, second by Neuman to approve a generous donation of \$401.40 towards the Lead With Me program from the Kent family. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Personal Actions (Action)

Motion by Neuman, second by Spindler to approve the resignation of Julie O'Connell as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Neuman, second by Spindler to approve the contract of Angela Loch as present. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Information

1. Intermediate School Remodel Update

Dr. Russ gave an update regarding the Intermediate School remodel. Monday, October 19th the Board approved CJ Schmidt as the construction manager for the remodel.

2. District update on Covid-19

Dr. Russ gave an update on the district COVID-19 dashboard and continues to be positive about how Merton Community Schools are doing.

Committee Reports

A. Finance Committee

A summary of the finance committee held on Monday, October 19th was provided by April Farley. Highlights include a decrease in the tax levy from \$4.40 estimated at the annual meeting to \$4.35 finalized. The district received more state aid than the prior budget year. September count membership was down compared to last year. Summer school from 2020 saw a decrease in membership due to the virtual nature of the program. Food service program is offering free meals to all students per the USDA guidelines through June 30, 2021.

B. Student Achievement Committee

Dr. Russ provided an update on the science adoption and human growth & development curriculum adoption. Both are on hold until the 2021-22 school year. During the current year, we will continue to focus on the social/emotional curriculum.

Reports and Updates

A. Principal's Report

Principals Mr. Jay Posick and Mrs. Becca Stein presented to the Board an update on how the Merton Community Schools are doing during Covid-19 with a

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Virtual Learning update. They commented on how proud they are of the teachers and staff in regards to both in-person learning and virtual learning. They also commended the kitchen staff and custodial staff for all their hard work. Also, work continues with the SEL curriculum and Lead With Me which gives students another way to grow and achieve with the focus on reading and writing.

New Business

A. Approved 2020-21 District Budget/Tax Levy (Action)

Motion by Spindler, second by Welnetz to approve the 2020-2021 District Budget and Tax Levy as previously noted. Motion carried unanimously.

Future Meeting and Agenda Items

- November 30, 2020 @ 7:00 p.m. Open Session-Monthly Meeting
- December 14, 2020 @ 6:00 p.m. Open Session-Monthly Meeting

Motion by Spindler, second by Welneta to adjourn at 6:51 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Welnetz
District Clerk