

MERTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education
Monday, November 30, 2020
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 in attendance were Dobbertin, Kent and Welnetz were present with Spindler and Neuman presenting virtually. District Administrator Russ was in attendance. There were no reporters and 3 citizens in attendance.

Approval of Agenda

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

Student Showcase

No Student Showcase

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Spindler, second by Welnetz to approve board meeting minutes of Monday, October 26, 2020 @ 5:00 p.m. Open/Closed Session, Monday, October 26, 2020 @ 6:00 p.m. Open Session, Tuesday, November 17, 2020 @ 4:45 p.m. Open/Closed Session. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Financial and Bill Listing

Motion by Spindler, second by Nueman to approve Direct Deposits #900052983-900053086 in the amount of \$139,056.74, Wire Transfers for Payroll Liabilities #20200109-20200124 in the amount of \$237,767.43, Accounts Payable Checks #54500-54538 in the amount of \$118,538.28, AP Wire Transfers 20200103-20200127 in the amount of \$4,876.64, Credit Card Transactions #102020 in the amount of \$18,467.86 and ACH/Direct Deposit #202100024-202100031 in the amount of \$640.30. Motion carried unanimously.

Delegations to be Heard

Mr. Lehman addressed the board and Dr. Russ with great appreciation for everything the administration is doing to keep school in session and for informing staff and parents with information regarding staff/student positivity rates as it pertains to Coronavirus.

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A. Administrator's Report

1. Acceptance of Donations (Action)

No donations.

2. Personal Actions (Action)

No personnel actions.

B. Information

1. 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

2. 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.

Committee Reports

A. Finance Committee

Finance committee met to discuss the intermediate remodel, solar project, and a brief food service update. Discussed stipulations of funds 41, 46, and 50 for the intermediate remodel. An update on the solar project was provided. The panels have generated electric savings of \$42,067. The district's food service program has strong participation this year and as a result reimbursement claims from the state have increased.

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 making changes for teachers and all staff with a program called Onward which highlights Adult Resilience and Student Empowerment for K-8. They also gave an update on our food drive, parent/teacher conferences, the music talent show and the Merton Corral/Merton Values.

New Business

A. 2021-22 Student/Staff School Calendar (Discussion)

Dr. Russ presented the Board the proposed student and staff calendar for the 2021-2022 school year, in conjunction with the Arrowhead School Calendar.

B. 2020-21 Compensation for returning Administration, Support Staff, and Confidential Staff (Action)

Motion by Welnetz, second by Kent to approve the 1.81% increase in compensation for non-teachers for the 2020-2021 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

C. 2020-21 Teacher (AUTO) Compensation (Action)

Motion by Neuman, second by Welnetz to approve a proposal that represented a 2% increase to teacher salaries from the 2019-20 teacher salary pool. The increase to the teaching staff for the 2020-2021 school year is to be distributed per the proposal. Motion carried unanimously.

Future Meeting and Agenda Items

A. December 14, 2020 @ 5:15 p.m. Closed Session

1. District Administrator Evaluation

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

2. Finalize 2021-22 Calendar

C. January 25, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m. Open Session - Monthly Meeting

Motion by Welnetz, second by Kent to adjourn at 7:48 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Welnetz
District Clerk