

MERTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education
Monday, March 14, 2022

Immediately after the Community Forum, Approximately 6:25 p.m.

Merton Intermediate School Little Theater

Vice President Katie Welnetz called the meeting to order at 6:21 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance followed. Welnetz announced the meeting was properly posted. Board members in attendance were Kent, Welnetz, Spindler and Lehman. President Dobbertin was not in attendance. District Administrator Russ was in attendance. There were no reporters and approximately 35 citizens/staff in attendance.

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Spindler, second by Kent to approve board meeting minutes of Monday, February 28, 2022 @ 6:40 p.m. Open Session and Monday, February 28, 2022 @ 5:00 p.m. Open/Closed Session. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Financial and Bill Listing

Motion by Lehman, second by Spindler to approve Direct Deposits #900056386-900056495 in the amount of \$147,943.96, Wire Transfers for Payroll Liabilities #202100248-202100263 in the amount of \$299,258.19, Accounts Payable Checks #55156-55177 in the amount of \$14,393.88, AP Wire Transfers 202100254-202100254 in the amount of \$19.37, AP Wire Transfers 202100255-202100255 in the amount of \$7,729.19, Credit Card Transactions #22022 in the amount of \$46,710.61. Motion carried unanimously.

Delegations to be Heard

Approximately 35 citizens attended the Board Meeting with 6 of them expressing their concerns with Administration and the Board members regarding the current SEL learning program and what the curriculum plans are for the 2022-2023 school year.

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A. Administrator's Report

1. Acceptance of Donations (Action)

Motion by Spindler, second by Lehman to approve the very generous donation from Mark G. Sellers Entrepreneurial Foundation in the amount of \$16,353.00 used to purchase a sanding table, multiple 3D printers, a sanding table, multiple 3D printers, a dust collection system for our power tools, battery powered nailers, and an additional drill press.

2. Personal Actions (Action)

None

B. Information

1. Staff Recognition

Dr. Russ recognized Katie Welnetz for her 6 years of service to our community by serving on the School Board.

Committee Reports

A. Student Achievement Committee

The Student Achievement Committee met on Monday, March 14th at 4:45 pm prior to the Board Meeting. The Committee discussed the Encore, Electives, and Explore courses for Merton Intermediate School, the first draft of the K-8 Social Studies Curriculum, and learned about the District's and State's Educator Effectiveness requirements.

New Business

A. Esser Spending Plan and Reporting (Discussion)

An overview document was shared with the board which details the spending plans for ESSER I, II, and III.

B. Residing/Roofing of District Maintenance Shed (Action)

No Action taken

C. Purchase of new Intermediate School Cafeteria/Lunch tables from Fund 50 (Action)

Motion by Spindler, second by Lehman to approve the purchase of 12 replacement Wall Pocket Tables for the Intermediate School Cafeteria from Marshfield Book & Stationery Inc. for the amount of \$60,252.80. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Current Social Emotional Learning (SEL) Curriculum/Program Discussion (Discussion)

Vice President Welnetz expressed her gratitude to the citizens for attending the meeting and for sharing their concerns for and against the SEL curriculum. A conversation will continue amongst the Board and Administration in regards to the 2nd Step program and the future of a universal plan.

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E. First Draft of new/proposed Social Studies Curriculum (Discussion)

No Discussion

Future Meeting and Agenda Items

A. April 25, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m. (Open Session)

a. Monthly Meeting w/Community Forum to begin the meeting

i. Board Reorganization

ii. Possible final review of new/proposed Social Studies Curriculum

iii. First Draft of new/proposed World Language Curriculum

B. May 23, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m. (Open Session)

a. Monthly Meeting w/Community Forum to begin the meeting

i. Possible final review of new/proposed World Language Curriculum

C. June 20, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m. (Open Session)

a. Monthly Meeting w/Community Forum to begin the meeting

Motion by Spindler, second by Lehman to adjourn at 7:53 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Lindsay Kent
District Clerk