**MERTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Board of Education**

**Monday, January 25, 2016**

**7:30 p.m.**

President Dobbertin called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance followed. Dobbertin announced the meeting was properly posted. Board members present were Dobbertin, Hemmer, Buening, Spindler and Hughes. District Administrator Russ was in attendance. There were no reporters and approximately 14 citizens.

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

**Student Showcase**

Mrs. Baral and seven of her 4K friends were there to present to the board what ‘A day in the life of 4K’ looks like. They went through a modified typical day in 4K.

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Hemmer, second by Hughes to approve the board meeting minutes of Monday, December 21, 2015 @ 7:30 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of Financial Report and Bill Listing**

Motion by Hughes, second by Spindler to approve Direct Deposit Checks #900040118-900040233 in the amount of $150,555.34, Direct Deposit Checks #900040234-900040348 in the amount of $135,596.23, Direct Deposit Checks #900040349-900040457 in the amount of $144,970.87, Wire Transfers #201500333-201500367 in the amount of $133,881.48, Accounts Payable Checks #51017-51117 in the amount of $140,556.31, Credit Card Transaction #1220 in the amount of $22,208.19 and ACH/Direct Deposit #151600142-151600160 in the amount of $2,952.99. Motion carried unanimously.

**Delegations to be Heard**

There were none.

**Administrator’s Report**

1. **Action**

Motion by Spindler, second by Hemmer to accept the resignation of Carolyn Strom as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Spindler, second by Hemmer to accept the teaching contract for Patrick Aleshire as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

1. **Information**

Mr. Russ gave an update to the board on the testing scores that were recently published and the end of the semester and beginning of the second half of the school year.

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**Committee Reports**

1. **Finance Committee**

The finance committee recently met and discussed the 2016-17 Budget Assumptions, Budget Calendar and 2015-16 Student Fee Collection.

**Reports and Updates**

Mr. Budisch and Mr. Posick reported to the board on the recent activities happening in both schools. At the Primary our food service gave samples of a new pizza flavor to staff and students, it will be on the menu in the coming months. 4K/5K Parent Information Night is scheduled for January 28th. At the Intermediate, 6th grade hosted Egyptian Night and Student Senate organized a Penny Wars to benefit an orphanage and school in South Sudan. They raised $1800!!

**New Business**

1. **2016-17 Open Enrollment Seat Allocation (Action)**

Motion by Spindler, second by Hemmer to approve the 2016-17 Open Enrollment Seat Allocations as follows:

4K – 10

5K – 10

1st – 3

2nd – 6

3rd – 2

4th – 10

5th – 2

6th – 2

7th – 4

8th – 8

Cross Categorical Special Education – 0

Speech Only at the Primary School – 2

Motion carried unanimously.

**Future Meeting and Agenda Items**

-February 29, 2016 @ 7:30 p.m.

Monthly Meeting

-March 21, 2016 @ 7:30 p.m.

Monthly Meeting

Motion by Spindler, second by Hemmer to adjourn at 8:14 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Randy Buening

District Clerk