**MERTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Board of Education**

**Monday, January 29, 2018**

**6:30 p.m.**

President Dobbertin called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance followed. Dobbertin announced the meeting was properly posted. Board members present were Dobbertin, Buening, Spindler, Pfeiffer and Welnetz. District Administrator Russ was in attendance. There were no reporters and approximately 6 citizens.

**Approval of Agenda**

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

**Student Showcase**

Eighth graders representing the Student Senate were in attendance to report to the board the recent ‘Kindness Week’ that they sponsored. They were also promoting the upcoming Carnival.

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Spindler, second by Pfeiffer to approve the board meeting minutes of Monday, December 18, 2017 @ 7:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of Financial Report and Bill Listing**

Motion by Pfeiffer, second by Spindler to approve Payroll Checks #553686-553687 in the amount of $242.41, Checks #553688-553689 in the amount of $307.82, Direct Deposit # 900045581-900045691 in the amount of $151,968.24, Direct Deposit # 900045692-900045796 in the amount of $131,554.09, Direct Deposit #90004597-9000045906 in the amount of $141,824.070, Wire Transfers #201700206-201700239 in the amount of $286,410.05, Accounts Payable Checks #52667-52765 in the amount of $397,313.05, Wire Transfer #201700201-201700238 in the amount of $19,591.08, Credit Card #1120 in the amount of $9,159.65, Credit Card #171800115 in the amount of $9,159.65 and ACH/Direct Deposit #171800102-171800128 in the amount of $11,227.48. Motion carried unanimously.

**Delegations to be Heard**

There were none.

**Administrator’s Report**

1. **Action**

Motion by Welnetz, second by Buening to accept the donations as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

1. **Information**

Mr. Russ reported to the board on the strong finish of 1st semester, moving forward. The MAP testing is complete and results will be available through Skyward.

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**Committee Reports**

1. **Finance Committee**

The committee recently met and discussed 2018-19 Budget Assumptions, 2017-18 Quarterly Budget Update, Food Service, Summer School, January membership count Primary school playground and sound system.

1. **Student Achievement Committee**

This committee recently went on a tour of different schools to discuss and review other district math programs.

**Principal’s Report**

Principal Budisch and Principal Posick reported to the board on the learning that has been taking place in each building. At the Primary kids are learning about the human body systems, at the Intermediate, there is lots of conferring happening and the new Learning Lounge is a big hit! There have also been some great ‘celebrations’! Corral Celebrations at the Primary and Teamwork Olympics at the Intermediate.

**New Business**

1. **Approve 2018-19 Open Enrollment Seat Allocation**

Motion by Welnetz, second by Spindler to approve the 2018-19 Open Enrollment Seat Allocation as follows:

4K-unlimited

5K-unlimited

1st-unlimited

2nd-unlimited

3rd-unlimited

4th-unlimited

5th-unlimited

6th-unlimited

7th-unlimited

8th-3

Cross Categorical Special Education-0

Speech Only Across the District-5

Motion carried unanimously.

1. **First Reading for the review of Student Activity Funds Management Policy 3015 (Discussion)**

Discussion centered around the first draft of this policy per auditor’s request. A final draft will be presented in February.

1. **Discussion regarding the District’s land (Discussion)**

Discussion was held on whether to keep or sell the district’s property on Lake Five Road and Center Oak Road.

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1. **Instructional Specialists and Principal Roles, Responsibilities and Evaluation (Discussion)**

There was a discussion held per the District Administrator’s evaluations on the topic.

**Future Meeting and Agenda Items**

-February 19, 2018 @ 6:30 p.m.

Monthly Meeting

-March 26, 2018 @ 6:30 p.m.

Monthly Meeting

Motion by Spindler, second by Buening to adjourn at 8:53 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Randy Buening

District Clerk