**MERTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Board of Education**

**Thursday, March 17, 2016**

**7:30 p.m.**

President Dobbertin called the meeting to order at 7:30 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 32 citizens in attendance.

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

**Student Showcase**

Ms. Monson and Ms. Luberda brought in a group of students to demonstrate their jump roping skills. The students recently participated in Jump Rope for Heart and raised approximately $28,000!

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Buening, second by Spindler to approve the board meeting minutes of Monday, February 29, 2016 @ 7:30 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Buening, second by Spindler to approve the board meeting minutes of Monday, February 29, 2016 @ 6:30 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of Financial Report and Bill Listing**

Motion by Hughes, second by Buening to approve Direct Deposit Checks #900040688-900004080 in the amount of $138,373.43, Accounts Payable Checks #51202-51222 in the amount of $36,881.56, Credit Card Transaction #316 in the amount of $19,078.30, ACH/Direct Deposit #151600189-151600188 in the amount of $1,160.40. Motion carried unanimously.

**Delegations to be Heard**

Mrs. Davey presented to the board options for the Alternate Transportation Policy.

**Administrator’s Report**

1. **Action**

Motion by Hemmer, second by Spindler to accept the donations as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Hemmer, second by Hughes to accept the Advertising Agreement as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

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1. **Information**

Mr. Russ gave an update to the board on the National Junior Honor Society and the upcoming ceremony. There was an extensive presentation on District Literacy and he reminded the board that the new state assessment for students in grades 3-8, the Forward Exam, will take place in mid-April.

**Committee Reports**

1. **Policy Committee**

The Policy Committee recently met to review the Administrative Procedures for Determination of Bus Eligibility, including Paid Busing.

**New Business**

1. **Review/Discussion of Administrative Procedures for Bus Eligibility (No Action)**

A discussion was held in regards to what was discussed at the Policy Committee meeting. No action was taken.

**Future Meeting and Agenda Items**

-April 25, 2016 @ 7:30 p.m.

Monthly Meeting

-May 23, 2016 @ 7:30 p.m.

Monthly Meeting

Motion by Buening, second by Hemmer to adjourn at 9:40 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Randy Buening

District Clerk