**MERTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Board of Education**

**Monday, October 26, 2015**

**7:30 p.m.**

President Dobbertin called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance followed. Dobbertin announced the meeting was properly posted. Board members present were Dobbertin, Hemmer, Spindler, Buening and Hughes. District Administrator Russ was in attendance. There were no reporters and approximately 25 citizens.

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

**Student Showcase**

Mrs. Krajewski and Mrs. Krogmann shared a power point presentation on their work in piloting a new science program. The district will be looking to implement the new curriculum in 2016-17.

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Buening, second by Hemmer to approve the board meeting minutes of Monday, September 29, 2015 @ 7:30 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Buening, second by Hemmer to approve the Community Workshop minutes of Monday, October 12, 2015 @ 7:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of Financial Report and Bill Listing**

Motion by Hughes, second by Spindler to approve Direct Deposit Check #900039543 in the amount of $1,245.10, Direct Deposit Checks #900039544-900039557 in the amount of $141,748.07, Direct Deposit Check #900039658 VOID, Direct Deposit Check #900039659 in the amount of $1,209.38, Direct Deposit Checks #900039660-900039769 in the amount of $150,559.33, Direct Deposit Check #900039770 in the amount of $118.36, Direct Deposit Check #900039771 in the amount of $691.59, Direct Deposit Checks #900039772-900039775 in the amount of $734.46, Direct Deposit Check #900039776 in the amount of $362.91, Wire Transfers #201500177-201500236 in the amount of $224,605.71, Account Payable Checks #50770-50860 in the amount of $260,632.91, Credit Card transaction #815 in the amount of $36,492.36 and ACH/Direct Deposit #151600089-151600102 in the amount of $1,622.09. Motion carried unanimously.

**Delegations to be Heard**

A few citizens spoke to the board with their concerns and opinions in regards to a possible merger with Hartland/Lakeside School District.

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**Administrator’s Report**

1. **Action**

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

1. **Information**

Mr. Russ gave an update to the board on the Michael Budisch Gymnasium project and a preview of the 2016-17 Student Calendar.

**Committee Reports**

1. **Finance Committee**

The Finance Committee recently met to discuss the 2015-16 Budget and Tax Levy as well as the possibility of re-opening the line of credit.

**Reports and Updates**

1. **Principal Updates**

Mr. Budisch and Mr. Posick began their report by thanking the board for their continued support in professional development for staff. Mr. Posick updated the board on what has been going on at the Intermediate school including a visit from Sam’s Club for being named School of the Year. Mr. Budisch also reported on what has been going on at the Primary School including the installation of a surface that allows for handicap students to access the playground equipment.

**New Business**

1. **Approve 2015-16 District Budget/Tax Levy (Action)**

Motion by Spindler, second by Buening to recommend to certify the tax levies of:

Fund 10 $4,037,553

Fund 41 $200,000

Fund 39 $529,000

For a total tax levy of $4,766,553

Be it resolved that the property tax levy to fund the 2015-16 Merton Community School District operations be set at $4,766,553 and that the necessary certifications be forwarded to the clerks of the appropriate municipalities. Motion carried unanimously.

1. **Discussion of possible consolidation with Hartland/Lakeside (Discussion)**

The board and administration held a discussion on the possibility of a consolidation with Hartland/Lakeside School District.

Motion by Buening, second by Hemmer to approve the decision not to hold a community workshop to further explore consolidation with Hartland/Lakeside. Motion carried unanimously.

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**Future Meeting and Agenda Items**

-November 30, 2015 @ 7:30 p.m.

Monthly Meeting

-December 21, 2015 @ 7:30 p.m.

Monthly Meeting

Motion by Hemmer, second by Hughes to adjourn at 9:37 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Randy Buening

District Clerk