

MERTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education
Monday, January 31, 2022

Immediately after the Community Forum, Approximately 6:15 p.m.

Merton Intermediate School Little Theater

President Dobbertin called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance followed. Dobbertin announced the meeting was properly posted. Board members in attendance were Dobbertin, Kent, Welnetz, Spindler and Lehman. District Administrator Russ was in attendance via phone. There were no reporters and approximately 4 citizens in attendance.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Spindler, second by Welnetz 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, December 20, 2021 @ 6:15 p.m. Open Session and Monday, December 20, 2021 @ 7:00 p.m. Closed Session. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Financial and Bill Listing

Motion by Lehman, second by Spindler to approve Payroll Check #553807 in the amount of \$188.57, Payroll Check #553808 in the amount of \$387.00, Direct Deposits #900055823-900055937 in the amount of \$159,251.28, Direct Deposits #900055938-900056045 in the amount of \$144,201.21, Direct Deposits #900056046-#900056159 in the amount of \$160,084.78, Wire Transfers for Payroll Liabilities #202100174-202100215 in the amount of \$371,239.50, Accounts Payable Checks #55049-55100 in the amount of \$288,258.70, AP Wire Transfers 202100172-202100173 in the amount of \$808.28, AP Wire Transfers 202100191-202100193 in the amount of \$3,551.01, AP Wire Transfers 202100204-202100205 in the amount of \$934.44, Credit Card Transactions #122021 in the amount of \$38,886.91 and ACH/Direct Deposit #212200060-212200073 in the amount of \$1,112.71. Motion carried unanimously.

Delegations to be Heard

None

A. Administrator's Report

1. Acceptance of Donations (Action)

None

2. Personal Actions (Action)

Motion by Spindler, second by Welnetz to approve the letter of resignation from James Hannon after 25 years of employment. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Welnetz, second by Lehman to approve the letters of appointment for Eric Stephens, 2nd shift Custodian, Jordan Zuercher, Custodian HVAC Specialist and Kirk Schmidt, Custodian, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Spindler, second by Welnetz to approve the teaching contract of John Rheineck to teach Science and Mathematics as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Information

1. Staff Recognition

Principal Jay Posick and Dr. Russ shared stories and thanked Mr. Hannon for his 25 years of dedication to our community, students, and staff.

Committee Reports

A. Student Achievement Committee

The Student Achievement Committee was updated on the Social Studies and World Language adoption process, an update on the District's Improvement Plan, and upcoming planning for the 2022-23 school year.

B. Finance Committee

Finance committee met on Wednesday, January 26th to discuss the quarterly review of expenditures and revenues, January enrollment count, ESSER funding updates, and a review of the 2022-23 budget calendar.

Reports and Updates

A. Principal Updates

Updates were given at the Student Achievement Committee meeting at 5:00 PM.

New Business

A. COVID Mitigation (Discussion)

The board is not proposing any new COVID mitigations for the district at this time.

B. COVID Isolation Changes due to CDC New Guidelines and Virtual Learning Option (Action)

Motion by Spindler to approve COVID isolations changes as presented, motion was not seconded, motion did not advance.

Motion by Welnetz, second by Dobbertin to approve COVID Isolation guidelines to for students to be either: Stay home for at least 5 days and return to school if you are fever free for 24 hours (without the use of fever reducing medications) and symptoms are improving, and it is recommended to wear a mask for the next 5 days while at school, or Stay home for 10 days and return to school. For Staff, stay home for at least 5 days and return to school if you are fever free for 24 hours (without the use of fever reducing medications) and symptoms are improving, and it is recommended to wear a mask for the next 5 days while at school.

Motion 4 to 1, Spindler voted no.

Motion by Spindler, second by Welnetz to approve the virtual learning option for students with a positive medical COVID diagnosis to be up to 10 days. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Approve 2022-23 Open Enrollment Seat Allocation (Action)

Motion by Spindler, second by Welnetz to approve the 2022-2023 open Enrollment Seat Allocate as follows:

- 4K - Unlimited
- 5K - Unlimited
- 1st - Unlimited
- 2nd - Unlimited
- 3rd - Unlimited
- 4th - Unlimited
- 5th - Unlimited
- 6th - Unlimited
- 7th - Unlimited
- 8th - Unlimited
- Cross Categorical Special Education - 0
- Speech Only across the District - Unlimited

Motion carried unanimously.

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**A. Approve purchase of exterior signs for Primary and Intermediate Schools
(Action)**

Motion by Spindler, second by Welnetz to approve the purchase of new exterior signs for the Primary and Intermediate Schools not to exceed the cost of \$40,000.00. Dr. Russ thanked the PTO for partnering with Merton Community Schools to purchase the new LED signs. PTO is pledging \$20,000 for the signs. Motion carried unanimously.

Future Meeting and Agenda Items

- A. February 28, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m. (Open Session)
 - 1. Monthly Meeting w/ Community Forum to begin the meeting

- B. March 14, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m. (Open Session)
 - 1. Monthly Meeting w/ Community Forum to begin the meeting

- C. April 25, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m. (Open Session)
 - 1. Monthly Meeting w/ Community Forum to begin the meeting
 - 2. Board Reorganization

Motion by Lehman, second by Welnetz to adjourn at 6:37 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Lindsay Kent
District Clerk