

**MERTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Board of Education**  
**Monday, September 27, 2021**

Immediately after the Community Forum, Approximately 6:15 p.m.  
**Merton Intermediate School Little Theater**

President Dobbertin called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance followed. Dobbertin announced the meeting was properly posted. Board members in attendance were Dobbertin, Lehman, Kent, Spindler and Welnetz. District Administrator Russ and the Merton Administrative Team were in attendance. There were no reporters and approximately 30 citizens in person.

**Approval of Agenda...**

Motion by Lehman, second by Welnetz and made a motion to amend the agenda as presented at 6:42 p.m. and move New Business (District COVID Mitigation Strategies (Action)) to follow Delegations to be Heard. Motion carried unanimously

**Delegations to be Heard**

Approximately 5 individuals spoke to the board regarding the possible COVID mitigation plan and their desire that the board vote against the plan.

**New Business**

**A. District Covid Mitigation Strategies (Action)**

Motion by Lehman, seconded by Kent to reject the Covid Mitigation Strategies are presented at the Merton Community School Board Meeting held on August 30, 2021. Motion carried 4-1. Motion by Spindler, second by Welnetz to approve the mitigation plan/strategies/protocols that are on the district website. Motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Spindler, second by Welnetz to approve the board meeting minutes of Monday, August 30, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m. and Tuesday, September 14, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m. Open Session. Motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of Financial and Bill Listing**

Motion by Lehman, second by Welnetz to approve Payroll Checks #553806 in the amount of \$313.49, Direct Deposit #900055106-900055194 in the amount of \$137,304.38, Direct Deposit #900055195-900055301 in the amount of \$157,046.91, Wire Transfers #202100056-202100083 in the amount of \$303,655.53, Accounts Payable Checks #54858-54898 in the amount of \$317,412.25, AP Wire Transfer #202100054-202100055 in the amount of \$2,187.21, AP Wire Transfer #202100073-202100076 in the amount of \$2,810.82, Credit Card Transaction #82021 in the amount \$87,462.85 and ACH/Direct Deposit #202200022-202200024 in the amount of \$317.20. Motion carried unanimously.

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## **Administrator's Report**

### **A. Action**

#### **1. Acceptance of Donations (Action)**

Motion by Welnetz, second by Spindler to approve the amazing PTO donation of \$25,000 to the new staff fitness center and \$1,000 donation to each principal's fund. We also want to thank Andrew Lehman, Board Member, for generously donating \$800.00 to obtain supplies for the Primary school classrooms. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **2. Personal Actions (Action)**

Motion by Spindler, second by Welnetz to approve the resignation letter of Holly Zimmerman as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

### **B. Information**

Dr. Russ presented to the board the 2020-2021 Seclusion and Restraint Report which will also be submitted to DPI.

## **Future Meeting and Agenda Items**

### **A. October 25, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m. (Open Session)**

1. Monthly Meeting with Community Forum to begin the Meeting
  - a. Draft of Student Calendar and 2022-2023 Student & Staff Calendar
  - b. Final Approval of District Tax Levy and Budget

### **B. November 29, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m. (Open Session)**

1. Monthly Meeting with Community Forum to begin the Meeting

### **C. December 20, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m. (Open Session)**

1. Monthly Meeting with Community Forum to begin the Meeting

Motion by Kent, second by Lehman to adjourn at 7:15 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Lindsay Kent  
District Clerk