

MERTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education
Monday, September 28, 2020
6:00 p.m.

President Dobbertin called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance followed. Dobbertin announced the meeting was properly posted. Board members in attendance were Dobbertin, Welnetz, and Kent were present, Spindler and Neuman present virtually. District Administrator Russ was in attendance. There were no reporters and 2 citizens in attendance.

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Kent, second by Spindler to approve board meeting minutes of Monday, August 31, 2020 @ 7:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Financial and Bill Listing

Motion by Spindler, second by Welnetz to approve Payroll checks #553787-553788 in the amount of 295.28, Direct Deposit #900052585-900052670 in the amount of \$129,955.67, Direct Deposit #900052671-900052777 in the amount of \$156,032.57, Wire Transfers #20200049-20200071 in the amount of \$312,256.66, Accounts Payable Checks #54424-54465 in the amount of \$61,988.95, AP Wire Transfers 20200072-20200074 in the amount of \$372.25, Credit Card Transactions #082020 in the amount of \$63,475.90 and ACH/Direct Deposit #202100010-202100019 in the amount of \$2,444.79. Motion carried unanimously.

Delegations to be Heard

No delegations were heard.

Administrator's Report

A. Action

Motion by Welnetz, second by Kent to approve a very gracious donation of \$3,864.20 from the PTO for storage solutions at the Primary school. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Information

Committee Reports

Dr. Russ informed the Board that in October we would have a Student Achievement and Finance Committee next month.

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Reports and Updates

A. Principal's Reports

Principal Jay Posick presented to the Board an update on how the Merton Community Schools are doing during Covid-19. He commended our amazing staff, students and parents on their positivity and creativeness during this difficult time. Mr. Posick shared how students and staff have adjusted to a new way of life; outdoor classrooms, student/staff mask wearing, frequent hand washings, 6 feet apart limitations and staggered schedules. Principal Posick also gave an update on the students learning virtually and what a day in the life of the virtual learner looks like, along with praising all parents, staff and students for all their hard work.

New Business

A. Adjustments to the 2020-21 Student Calendar (Action)

Motion by Neuman, second by Welnetz to remove two days from the 2020/2021 Student Calendar for Professional Development days. December 21 and December 22, 2020 were the selected dates to be removed. Motion carried unanimously.

A. Discussion surrounding fall reopening (Discussion)

Dr. Russ presented the board with an update on our community Covid Dashboard on-line and informed the Board on the 14 day quarantine guidelines. Dr. Russ proposed extending our after school facility usage end time from 7:00 to 7:30 pm. Dr. Russ also thanked parents, students and staff for all of their amazing work and everyone's cooperation.

Welnetz also thanked Dr. Russ, Principal Stein, Principal Posick, staff and the Board for an amazing job that everyone is doing during this 2020-2021 school year.

Future Meeting and Agenda Items

- October 26, 2020 @ 5:00 p.m. Closed: Budget Approval/Teacher Compensation
- October 26, 2020 @ 6:00 p.m. Open: Monthly Meeting
- November 30, 2020 @ 6:00 p.m. Open: Monthly Meeting

Motion by Welnetz, second by Kent to adjourn at 6:30 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Welnetz
District Clerk