

MERTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education Special Meeting
Tuesday, August 9, 2022
12:00 p.m.
Merton Intermediate School Little Theater
(President Dean Dobbertin joined via telephone)

Vice President Lehman called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance followed. Lehman announced the meeting was properly posted. Board members in attendance were Lehman, Kent, Andersen, Cotton and Dobbertin via telephone. District Administrator Russ was in attendance. There were no reporters and 12 citizens in person.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Dobbertin, second by Lehman to approve the agenda with the elimination of Item number 1 under new business. Motion 2-3 with Cotton, Kent and Andersen voting no. Motion rejected

Motion by Kent, second by Andersen to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 3-2 with Dobbertin and Lehman voting no.

Delegations to be Heard

Numerous individuals, staff and parents, spoke on the topic of ESL and their desires moving forward with the policy.

New Business

1. Parental Opportunities to option out of District provider Social Emotional Learning (SEL) for students in grades 6th-8th (Discussion/Action)

Motion by Andersen, second by Kent to approve the Option out of District provided Social Emotional Learning (SEL) for students in 6th through 8th grade. After much discussion, a form will be created for parents to opt out of SEL for 6th through 8th grade. Motion carried 3-2 with Lehman and Dobbertin voting no.

2. Update on a District Staff Climate and Culture Survey (Discussion)

Dr. Russ filled the Board in on conversations that the Personnel Committee had regarding contracting with DSB Market Research and Consulting to contact approximately 120 faculty and staff members about their viewpoints of the Merton School District work culture. Motion carried 4-0

3. Personnel Actions (Action)

Motion by Andersen, second by Kent to approve the resignation of Melissa Seeboth and Jackie Krajewski. Motion carried unanimously.

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Motion by Anderson, second by Cotton to approve the teacher contracts for Amy Anderson, Megan Finn and Jennifer Matson. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Cotton, second by Andersen to adjourn at 12:54 p.m. Motion carried 4-0.
(Vice President Lehman left the meeting at 12:43 p.m.)

Respectfully submitted,

Troy Andersen
District Clerk