

MERTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education

Monday, December 20, 2021

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

Merton Intermediate School Little Theater

President Dobbertin called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance followed. Dobbertin announced the meeting was properly posted. Board members in attendance were Dobbertin, Lehman, Spindler and Kent. Welnetz was not in attendance. District Administrator Russ and the Merton Administrative Team were in attendance. There were no reporters and approximately 7 citizens in person.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Spindler, second by Lehman at 6:47 to amend the agenda to move the Audit Report presentation before the Approval of Minutes. Motion carried unanimously (4-0).

2020-2021 Audit Report (Riley, Penner and Benton)

Brian Mechenich from Riley, Penner, and Benton gave a presentation and summary of the district's clean audit. The complete audit report can be found on our website.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Spindler, second by Kent to approve the board meeting minutes of Monday, November 29, 2021 @ 6:15 p.m. Open Session and Monday, December 13, 2021 @ 5:00 p.m. Open/Closed Session. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Motion by Spindler, second by Lehman to approve the board meeting minutes of Wednesday, December 15, 2021 @ 12:00 p.m. with a change to the leader of the meeting from President Dobbertin to Vice President Welnetz. Motion carried unanimously (4-0).

Approval of Financial and Bill Listing

Motion by Lehman, second by Spindler to approve Payroll Direct Deposit #900055718-900055822 in the amount of \$139,671.42, Wire Transfers #202100151-202100171 in the amount of \$220,842.21, Accounts Payable Checks #55022-55048 in the amount of \$135,046.58, AP Wire Transfer #202100159-202100161 in the amount of \$6,978.42, Credit Card Transaction #112021 in the amount \$42,582.54 and ACH/Direct Deposit #21220053-212200059 in the amount of \$1,989.66. Motion carried unanimously (4-0).

Delegations to be Heard

Dr. Russ shared a letter from a Merton Community School parent concerning Covid-19, school closure and mitigation procedures & planning moving forward.

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District Administrator's Report

A. Action

1. Acceptance of Donations (Action)

Motion by Spindler, second by Kint to approve the Village of Merton donation of \$125 to the Intermediate School for a Choir pizza party. Motion carried unanimously (4-0).

2. Personnel Actions (Action)

No Personnel Actions

B. Information

1. Public Staff Recognition Ideas

Dr. Russ expressed his sincere gratitude to our Substitute Teachers for all that they do and have done for our school in the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 school years. He thanked Tom Showen, Tracy Walther, Zandra Richmond, Rachael Hicks, Elizabeth Klingbiel and Mike Teofilo.

Committee Reports

A. Student Achievement Committee

The Student Achievement Committee focused on 3 main topics at their meeting. Learning about the foundations of educational curriculum, an update on the District Improvement and Innovation Plan, and shared a review on how the district will review controversial topics moving forward whether it be through current events and/or through district curriculum.

New Business

A. Approval of Land Lease for 2022-2024 Growing Seasons(Action)

Motion by Lehman, second by Spindler to approve the 2022, 2023, and 2024 growing season 3 year land lease with Harvest View Farms Inc. at \$260 per acre. Motion carried 3-0. President Dobbertin abstained from voting as he does business with Harvest View Farms, Inc.

Future Meeting and Agenda Items

A. January 31, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m. (Open Session)

1. Monthly Meeting with Community Forum to begin the Meeting

B. February 28, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m. (Open Session)

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C. March 14, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m. (Open Session)

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Motion by Spindler, second by Lehman to adjourn at 7:17 p.m. Motion carried unanimously (4-0).

Respectfully submitted,

Lindsay Kent
District Clerk