

MELBA SCHOOL DISTRICT #136
Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Tuesday, August 8, 2017
Melba School District Office

I. CALL TO ORDER at 5:00 by Chairman Ed Smith. Flag salute was held.

II. ROLL CALL: In attendance were Trustees Ed Smith, Susan Jaca, and Travis Christensen, Superintendent Andy Grover, Business Manager Dalelyn Allen, Board Clerk Beth Cole, Principals Eric Forsgren and Sherry Ann Adams, Patron Rick Hipwell.

COMMUNITY INPUT: Mr. Hipwell requested reconsideration of Open Enrollment for his son Mitch. His four other children attend Melba and it would be very beneficial for the family if he could be accepted.

III. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda was passed.

- A. Approval of Agenda
- B. Approval of Minutes of 7/11/2017
- C. Approval of Bills of 8/8/2017 and misc. hand checks
- D. Approval of Elementary, Jr/Sr High financial reports

Motion to approve by Trustee Travis Christensen.

Seconded by Trustee Susan Jaca.

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Christensen – Yes

Trustee Jaca – Yes

Trustee Smith – Yes

Motion carried.

IV. SPECIAL REPORTS

- A. **Dr. Grover reviewed student numbers.** Even with a small Kindergarten class the numbers are staying over 800. More realistic numbers will be available after school is in session for a few days. If the district can maintain a target enrollment of 810 the proposed budget will be funded.

V. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **The board discussed the contractor payment for July.** The fund will pay the \$85,000 in retainage due upon completion. Superintendent Grover is asking for changes in the drip line irrigation because of problems with the sand and the filtering system. A motion to approve the contractor payment for July was passed.

Motion to approve by Trustee Travis Christensen.

Seconded by Trustee Susan Jaca.

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Christensen – Yes

Trustee Jaca – Yes

Trustee Smith – Yes

Motion carried.

- B. **A motion to approve the Architect Payment for July** was passed.

Motion to approve by Trustee Travis Christensen.

Seconded by Trustee Susan Jaca.

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Christensen – Yes

Trustee Jaca – Yes

Trustee Smith – Yes

Motion carried.

- C. The Open Enrollment report was approved as amended.** Students #2 and #15 were approved to attend Melba.

Motion to approve by Trustee Travis Christensen.

Seconded by Trustee Susan Jaca.

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Christensen – Yes
Trustee Jaca – Yes
Trustee Smith – Yes

Motion carried.

- D. The Continuous School Improvement plan for 2017-2018** was discussed. Dr. Grover reviewed low test scores and pointed out areas of focus for the coming year. The Math program is a big concern.

Goals include:

- Academic - Training of staff, aligning curriculum, new end-of-course tests, continued work in the RTI program, Progress is anticipated with staff changes and improved curriculum. This will be reevaluated at the end of the year.
- Community involvement - Dr. Grover had a very productive meeting with representatives from the Terry Reilly Clinic. They offered to provide practice hours for the CNA program and a part time counselor for the Elementary School. The district plans continued support for the Melba Senior Center through food drives, entertainment and communication.
- Facility improvement - The automatic sprinkler system will cover 100% of the grounds at the end of this school year. Plans are underway to improve the parking lot next to the football field. Trustee Christensen requested a bid on asphalt.
- Technology – The district is still working toward 1-1 devices. The modulars have been converted into technology labs.
- Facility Concerns – The track is in need of renovation and the roof on the high school continues to be a problem.

Superintendent Grover suggested the district consider a levy. This 3-5 year levy could be accomplished with no change to the tax rate. The state will match 12-13% of this bond. He is checking into this possibility which would give the district some options in taking care of facility needs. He added that the maintenance and custodial crew has worked hard this summer. They have a wide range of abilities and know how to work! A motion to accept the Continuous Improvement Plan as presented was passed.

Motion to approve by Trustee Travis Christensen.

Seconded by Trustee Susan Jaca.

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Christensen – Yes
Trustee Jaca – Yes
Trustee Smith – Yes

Motion carried.

- E. The board discussed the E-rate Settlement and** approved a motion to withdraw from the USAC Appeals Suit.

Motion to approve by Trustee Travis Christensen.

Seconded by Trustee Susan Jaca.

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Christensen – Yes
Trustee Jaca – Yes
Trustee Smith – Yes

Motion carried.

- F. With the addition of Nate Helm, who is certified to teach speech,** as the Ag Teacher, the district can add a speech credit to the schedule. A motion to approve Ag Speech as a Speech Credit was passed.

Motion to approve by Trustee Travis Christensen.
Seconded by Trustee Susan Jaca.
Roll Call Vote: Trustee Christensen – Yes
Trustee Jaca – Yes
Trustee Smith – Yes
Motion carried.

G. A motion to approve Policy 2420P, Title I Parent Involvement Plan for first reading was passed.

Motion to approve by Trustee Travis Christensen.
Seconded by Trustee Susan Jaca.
Roll Call Vote: Trustee Christensen – Yes
Trustee Jaca – Yes
Trustee Smith – Yes
Motion carried.

H. Section 9000, School Facilities was reviewed. A motion to approve first and second reading of this section was passed.

Motion to approve by Trustee Travis Christensen.
Seconded by Trustee Susan Jaca.
Roll Call Vote: Trustee Christensen – Yes
Trustee Jaca – Yes
Trustee Smith – Yes
Motion carried.

I. Principal Forsgren presented a proposal from a parent committee to install a new scoreboard in the high school gym. Donations from community supporters will pay for the complete system, including installation, for the basketball season this year. The Board approved a motion to install the new scoreboard in the gym.

Motion to approve by Trustee Travis Christensen.
Seconded by Trustee Susan Jaca.
Roll Call Vote: Trustee Christensen – Yes
Trustee Jaca – Yes
Trustee Smith – Yes
Motion carried.

J. The Personnel Report was approved as presented.

Motion to approve by Trustee Travis Christensen.
Seconded by Trustee Susan Jaca.
Roll Call Vote: Trustee Christensen – Yes
Trustee Jaca – Yes
Trustee Smith – Yes
Motion carried.

VI. STANDING REPORTS

- A. The board reviewed Principal and Financial reports for the month.** Superintendent Grover invited Board Members to the Back-to-School meeting for all staff members on Monday, August 14, 2017 and to the Open House on Tuesday, August 15, 2017.

VII. MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 6:10 p.m.