

**MILAN AREA SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Regular MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, January 13, 2016**

The regular meeting of the Milan Area Schools Board of Education was called to order by President Kiger at 7:00 PM on January 13, 2016.

**Board Members Present:** Cislo, Peacock, Kiger, Vershum, Heikka (7:03), Landingham (7:15)

**Board Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Lon Smith, Ryan McMahon, Jesse Hoskins, Dan Heikka

**Guests Present:** Abbie Moccio, Karleen Sabo, Kari and Madelyn Cislo, Brevin Malach, Megan Harvey, Haylie Ritchie, Sophia Morelock, Lia Iverson, Taylor Hosein

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Motion by Moccio supported by Vershum to commend Coaches Jesse Hoskins, Craig Zupi, Justin Ward, David Hoskins, Ron Tarrant, Steven Price, and Eric Romans along with the 2015-2016 Football Team for all of their accomplishments this season. All Ayes. Carried 6-0

Motion by Kiger supported by Cislo to commend Coaches Dan Heikka, Kerry Frame, and Robin Love along with the 2015-2016 Girls' Swim Team for all of their accomplishments this season. All Ayes. Carried 6-0

Superintendent Girbach acknowledged the School Board during School Board Recognition Month. He presented each Board Member with a certificate of appreciation from MASB. The MMS Staff and students provided the Board with signs, treats and gifts.

Motion by Moccio supported by Heikka to elect Kiger for President of the Milan Area Schools Board of Education for a one year term. All Ayes. Carried 6-0

Motion by Cislo supported by Peacock to elect Vershum for Vice-President of the Milan Area Schools Board of Education for a one year term. All Ayes. Carried 6-0

Motion by Heikka supported by Vershum to elect Moccio for Secretary of the Milan Area Schools Board of Education for a one year term. All Ayes. Carried 6-0

Motion by Moccio supported by Kiger to elect Landingham for Treasurer of the Milan Area Schools Board of Education for a one year term. All Ayes. Carried 6-0

Motion by Cislo supported by Moccio to approve the appointments listed below:

Washtenaw School Board Association Representative: Vershum.

Legislative Relations Network Representative: Heikka.

All Ayes. Carried 7-0

**Public Comments:** None

Motion by Moccio supported by Peacock to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of December 8, 2015 and to approve payment of bills/reimbursement of expenses. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Motion by Peacock supported by Vershum to approve the WISD Special Education Millage Resolution of Support as presented in Attachment D. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Motion by Landingham supported by Peacock to approve the Swap Management Plan Update as presented in Attachment E. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ supported by \_\_\_\_\_ to Relinquish Title III – LEP funds for the 2015-2016 Fiscal Year as detailed in Attachment F. \* Motion failed due to lack of support.

Bryan Girbach and Peter Kudlak presented on the School Health Advisory Committee (SHAC), Milan Reproductive Health Survey, and MiPHY Survey.

The Board discussed the Focus Statements and District/Superintendent Goals. The final statements and goals will be approved at an upcoming meeting.

**Superintendent's Comments:**

**Staff**

Anne Foor attended a certification program through Michigan Institute for Education Management and has completed her Administrative Professional Certification. Anne is an integral part of our District Office team.

Kirsti Hosler, Administrative Assistant at Symons Elementary had a baby boy and named him Tanner Allan. Congratulations to Kirstie and family.

Janet Martin, Assistant Principal at MMS, will be retiring at the end of this school year, her position will be posted in the very near future.

The Teacher Evaluation Committee is working on selecting a rubric. The first step in the process will be to bring in presenters from each of the companies who have viable products.

Milan plans on joining Whitmore Lake and Manchester to bring in Modern Teacher, an educational technology and professional development company. Modern Teacher supports school districts that desire to transform their current model of education with a reimagined instructional core that binds today's teachers, 21st century students, and digital content options into a personalized learning solution for each and every student.

It has been determined that will MAS will be using Houghton Mifflin Harcourt for their Administrative Evaluation Training. MAS is currently contacting surrounding districts to elicit training partners to help decrease the cost.

**District**

Milan Area Schools Twitter and Facebook pages are doing extremely well. One post reached over 3,500 accounts. We are happy with the results and will continue using this type of social media

Recently Governor Snyder signed into law SB 57, the legislation barring libraries, school districts and local governments from using TV ads, mailers or phone messages about local ballots proposals 60 days before an election. Michigan Association of School Boards is currently looking into the legality of this law.

**Assistant Superintendent's Comments:**

Milan Middle School teachers organized a STEM planning session today to plan for second semester and for next year. Brad Baden, a High School teacher, came for the afternoon to help with the rubric scoring for 21<sup>st</sup> century skill development and assessments. Thank you Brad who returned from paternity leave to help the Middle School Teachers.

Content Committees meet regularly at Paddock Elementary and are finding new, challenging, and creative ways to push each other to enhance and improve instruction methods.

**Board Member Comments:**

Vershum reminded the Board that the Legislative Breakfast will be on January 25, 2016 at Washtenaw Intermediate School District from 7:30 – 9:00 AM.

Landingham will be taking Michigan Association of School Board classes on Friday January 22-23, 2016 in Lansing.

Moccio commented on the Milan Chamber Awards Breakfast held on December 11, 2015 where Milan Dental received the Business of the Year Award and our own Milan High School students Abbie Moccio and Karleen Sabo were nominated for Youth of the Year. Abbie Moccio was awarded Youth of the Year. Congratulations to Abbie and Karleen.

Kiger commented on the amazing concerts she attended during the holiday season. The next concert is February 17, 2016 and Kiger encourages everyone to come out and enjoy the talent that the Milan Area Schools' music program has to offer.

**Public Comments:** None

Time Adjourned 8:33 PM