

**MILAN AREA SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, October 14, 2015**

The regular meeting of the Milan Area Schools Board of Education was called to order by President Peacock at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, October 14, 2015.

Board Members Present: Peacock, Vershum, Cislo, Heikka, Kiger, Moccio, Landingham

Board Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Bryan Girbach, Peter Kudlak, Michelle Cowhy, Anne Foor, Tom Stahl, Will Wright, Pam Krebs, Dan Adams, Amy Hertler, Alice Brobst-Walsh, Molly Jeppesen, Jessica Stafford

Guests Present: Rochelle, Tyler and Ralph Giassi, Patrick Gilei, Irini Touloupi, Zajac Family, Rod Hill, Jorn Helms, Nancy and Jim Nagle, Matthew, Jessica and Max Stafford, Cole Dennison, Michael, Kelley and Isabel Smith, James Dye, Dan Heikka, Mrs. Blackburn

Pledge of Allegiance

The German Exchange Students were introduced to the Board by Mrs. Jeppesen and the German Teachers.

The MHS FFA Group and their teacher, Tom Stahl, presented their Program of Activities and Convention Trip to the Board.

Will Wright, Alice Brobst-Walsh, Amy Hertler, Dan Adams, and Pam Kreps from Symons Elementary presented to the Board their School Improvement Strategy-Assessment Literacy.

Public Comments: None

Motion by Moccio supported by Heikka to approve the consent agenda, which includes: the minutes of the regular meeting of September 9, 2015, the minutes of the workshop meeting of September 16, 2015, the payment of bills/reimbursement of expenses. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Superintendent's Comments:

Students

The pupil count for September was very close to our projected and budgeted numbers. This means our budgeted numbers are correct and we don't have to do any adjustments.

Staff

Lynda Kime, our Payroll and Benefits Manager, became a Grandmother this week. She proudly welcomed Stella Elizabeth into her family.

Melanie Wilson and Kristina Barbara received a \$2,500 grant from the Special Olympics Group called SNAP, Student Need Accept Peers. Congratulations to Melanie and Kristina.

Milan High School's Interns from Eastern Michigan received a grant of \$5,000 that will be used for College Appreciation Week and other college visits. Congratulations to William Horton-Anderson and Amber Hawkins.

Board

There is a Special Education Millage coming up in May of 2016. After the November election, the WISD will begin polling the community to solicit feedback regarding their thoughts about a millage continuation or increase. If the full potential increase was put on the ballot and approved by the voters, our reimbursement percentage would increase from 60% to 97%.

The Policy Committee is meeting on October 15 to review and make necessary revisions. The plan is to have the full Board conduct a first reading at the November 11, 2015 meeting.

Assistant Superintendent's Comments:

NWEA testing is finished. The schools finished the testing without any glitches and testing ran smoothly.

The HS PSAT testing finished up on 10/14.

We are still waiting on the M-STEP scores as they are not in and probably won't be in until December.

We will be starting our Green Folder (SIT) Meetings soon. These meetings will allow us to determine the needs of our at risk students. The teachers are highly involved in this process.

Assistant Superintendent Kudlak attended My Brother's Keeper and stated it was a great event that brought awareness to our struggling youth by trying to keep them on track.

Board Member Comments:

Board Member Vershum attended "Behind the Scenes" at the Capital on October 24th and thought it was a worthwhile day. The event provided good information regarding how to advocate for public schools.

Vershum attended the WASB meeting where they discussed several matters, including the special education millage.

Board Member Heikka attended the Symons Science Night which had over 200 students in attendance. All the students had a great time and Heikka felt the event was a huge success.

Heikka also spoke highly of the German Exchange Program.

Public Comments: None

Time of Adjournment 8:42 PM