

**MILAN AREA SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, December 14, 2016**

The regular meeting of the Milan Area Schools Board of Education was called to order by President Kiger at 7:00 p.m. on December 14, 2016.

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

**Board Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Tom Stahl, Bryan Girbach, Ryan McMahon, Michelle Cowhy, Anne Foor

**Guests Present:** Amy Landingham, FFA Members

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Eric Peacock took the Oath of Office for his two-year Board seat.

The Milan FFA Chapter presented their 2016-2017 Program of Activities to the Board of Education.

**Public Comments:**

Amy Landingham congratulated the directors, cast, and crew for an outstanding production of Willy Wonka.

Jan Kiger congratulated Madelyn Cislo for her recent state championship. She also commended Coach Dan Heikka for his MHSAA Coach of the Year recognition.

Motion by Cislo supported by Heikka to approve the consent agenda, which includes: the minutes of the regular meeting of November 2, 2016, the minutes of the special meeting of November 11, 2016, the minutes of the workshop meeting of November 16, 2016, and the payment of bills/reimbursement of expenses. All Ayes. Carried 6-0.

The Board heard a first reading of the 2016-2017 December General Fund Budget Amendment as included in Attachment A.

Motion by Moccio supported by Peacock to appoint the following person to the administrative position listed and Base Salary listed effective immediately.

\* Krista Hendrix – Director of Finance (\$85,000)

All Ayes. Carried 6-0.

Motion by Peacock supported by Heikka to approve the FCI Graduates (as listed in Attachment C) contingent upon their completion of all requirements.

All Ayes. Carried 6-0.

**Superintendent's Comments:**

**Students**

- The Girls' Swimming and Diving team will be recognized at an upcoming Board Meeting.
- The Football team will be recognized at an upcoming Board Meeting.
- The high school play, performed in November, was very enjoyable.
- The Willy Wonka play, our first elementary play, was a huge success.
- The band did a nice job in the Holiday Parade.
- Everyone at Symons enjoyed watching Mrs. Gillow get slimed after a very successful PTO fundraiser.

## **Staff**

- Emily Fitzgerald, our elementary Social Worker, had a baby girl (Eleanor Wynne Fitzgerald).
- Yvette Smith, Paddock's Administrative Assistant lost her father in late November.
- Misty Tackett, a Paddock Paraprofessional, had a baby girl (Aeris Kathryn Tackett).

## **General**

- The district's webpage designer selection process is progressing well. After a two round interview/presentation process, we have narrowed the field to two companies. Both of them have school webpage design experience. Our next step is to call districts who are using the products to see how they like the content management system of each product. In the end, the selected company will convert our current webpage. They will also be providing us with a content management system that will allow us to continue to develop our pages while adhering to the proper ADA requirements.

## **Communication**

- The district currently has 412 Twitter followers. That is up 31 from last month.
- The district currently has 1,219 Facebook followers. That is up 42 from last month.
- Mr. Girbach wrote and distributed the second monthly version of "Scoop from the Supt".

## **Legislative**

- Lame Duck is proving to be Tame Duck! Only one more day of this legislative session. The MPSERS reform was pushed into the next legislative session. The Governor stopped his push for the income tax shift out of the SAF. Zero tolerance bills and seclusion and restraint bills will probably pass.

## **Board**

- At the January Regular Meeting, the Board will swear in two Board members, conduct the election of officers, begin to determine committee assignments, approve the budget revision, and appoint the WASB and LRN reps.
- At the January Workshop meeting, the Board will have a Milan 21 presentation.
- Mr. Girbach thanked Michelle Cowhy for her outstanding service as the District's Finance Director.

## **Assistant Superintendent's Comments:**

- Mr. McMahon participated in a School District Assessment in Genesee County as part of an AdvancEd review team. Participation on this team served as a primer for our upcoming accreditation visit in May.
- As part of the Danielson Training and Administrator Evaluation Walk-Throughs, Mr. McMahon visited one classroom in every building along with a principal. Following the walk-throughs, Mr. McMahon also attended the follow-up meeting between the teacher and the principal. Mr. McMahon is working to coordinate the process across buildings and more closely calibrate the system.
- Mr. McMahon conducted Content Area Meetings with core content area teachers within two groups (K-5 and 6-12) to engage a process of vertical alignment. Teachers assembled a presentation to discuss their curriculum and assessment, share positive instructional practices, and participate in a question and answer session.

## **Board Member Comments**

- Board Member Moccio asked about having Jill Tuesly at the January Workshop meeting. She also congratulated Kyle Snyder and Austin Blaine for receiving the Youth Involvement Award.
- Board Member Heikka complimented Milan Area Schools on successfully hosting the Middle School Swim Club Championship meet.

- Board Member Kiger reminded the Board about the election of Board Officers in January.
- Student Board Member Snyder talked about the MCIS CSPAN projects. He complimented the program on a successful implementation of this outstanding opportunity.

**Public Comments: none**

**Time of Adjournment: 7:48 p.m.**