

**MILAN AREA SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, February 10, 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 February 10, 2016.

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

Board Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Chris Gill, Shanna Spickard

Guests Present: Abbie Moccio, Jason Feig

Pledge of Allegiance

Milan Area School has been named to the AP 6th Annual Honor Roll for expanding opportunity and improving performance for Advanced Placement Students. An award was present by Jason Feig and accepted by Chris Gill, Assistant Principal of Milan High School.

Public Comments: None

Motion by Cislo supported by Moccio to approve the consent agenda, which includes: the minutes of the regular meeting of January 13, 2016, the minutes of the workshop meeting of January 27, 2016, and the payment of bills/reimbursement of expenses. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Motion by Cislo supported by Peacock to approve the purchase of one 71 passenger bus from Midwest Transit Equipment, Inc. for \$83,103 (as described in attachment B). All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Motion by Vershum supported by Peacock to direct the Superintendent, or designee, to cast the district's vote for the MASB Region 7 Board of Directors position for Jack Temsey. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Motion by Vershum supported by Landingham to approve the 2016-2017 ticket prices and punch card system as detailed in Attachment D. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Superintendent's Comments

Students

This year's Robotics team, led by High School teachers Jen Glushyn and Mackenzie Chappell, are doing a phenomenal job. The team has secured several grants and industry support, at this point the team is ahead of the game by completing a second robot.

Staff

Congratulations to Jesse Hoskins, MHS teacher, on the birth of his son David Henry Hoskins.

District

MAS has developed an 8 person team to meet with Modern Teacher, a technology and professional development company, for a training with a focus on educational strategies. The initial training is scheduled for February 23, 2016

Mr. Girbach attended the “NAAPID at Night” hosted by Ypsilanti Public Schools on February 8, 2016. The presentation was entitled: NAAPID! Promoting Educational Excellence for a Sustainable Society. Ayinde Jean Baptiste was the guest speaker and gave a very nice presentation.

MAS now has over 1000 Facebook followers and 136 Twitter followers.

The current Governor’s Budget Proposal provides schools with a \$60-120 per pupil foundation allowance increase which is good news for Milan. The budget also shows we will continue receiving At Risk monies as well as our Adult Education Funding.

A Federal Judge recently granted a preliminary injunction against Public Act injunction 269. Cities, school boards, and other government entities that may put issues on the ballot opposed the new law, which bars local units of government from sharing factual information around ballot issues within 60 days of the election. The judge deemed this law a violation of the first amendment and the effect is blatant censorship.

Mr. Girbach contacted the MDE regarding when funds will be available for reimbursements for the Administration Evaluation Trainings.

The WISD will be putting a Special Education Millage on the ballot for May 2016.

Assistant Superintendent’s Comments

Mr. Kudlak recently toured the FCI and visited the academic classrooms, which consisted of Math, History, Automotive Apprenticeships, and was very impressed. The FCI held an Art Fair which made the National FCI Newsletter which is a very impressive accomplishment.

Board Member Comments

Board Member Heikka attended the Paddock Science Night and gave praise to a well-executed event.

Board Member Cislo commended Milan Youth Soccer Club coach Craig MacMorland for attending Symons classes during gym to teach the student about the game of soccer. Cislo also applauded the Robotics team for their accomplishments thus far.

Board Member Landingham spoke on the benefits of the Character Education taking place at the Elementary schools.

Board Member Kiger also attended the NAAPID at Night event and spoke highly of the evening and its key note speaker. Kiger also attended the WACY Youth Speaks event which focused on Attendance and Absenteeism. Kiger had a few interesting conversations with youth in regards to “What helps you come to school” and the contrary “What keeps you from coming.” Kiger also commented on the C-SPAN projects from the MCIS and what a great job the students did.

Public Comments: None

Motion by Peacock supported by Cislo to enter into closed session as allowed by the Open Meetings Act for a Student Reinstatement Hearing. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Time entered closed session 7:38 p.m.

Motion by Peacock supported by Cislo to return to open session. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Time returned to open session 8:12 p.m.

Motion by Vershum supported by Peacock to conditionally reinstate student 2014-2015-2 as detailed in Attachment E. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Motion by Heikka supported by Peacock to enter into closed session as allowed by the Open Meetings Act for periodic evaluation of Superintendent. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Time entered into closed session 8:14p.m.

Motion by Cislo supported by Heikka to return to open session. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Time returned to open session 10:55 p.m.

Time adjourned 10:55 p.m.