

**MILAN AREA SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, February 8, 2017**

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 8, 2017.

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

Board Members Absent: Moccio

Staff Present: Bryan Girbach, Ryan McMahon, Krista Hendrix, Anne Foor, Lon Smith, Jesse Hoskins, Dan Heikka

Guests Present: Kyle Snyder, Julia Woelmer, Stephanie Laginess, Joel Iverson, Rachel Hobbs, Jocelyn Hobbs, Cassidy Gillay, Madelyn Cislo, Haylie Ritchie, Emma Frame, Hannah Dennes, Jessie Dryden, Lia Iverson, Lizzy McKenna, Ashley Laplant, Mackenzie Crawford, Tonya Ronayne, Bob Blaine, Michael Hogg, Brandi Ferris, Joy Obryan, Miriam Rossow, Kate Rossow, Liz Rossow, Ellen Furtney, and Michael Furtney, Charles Siler

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion by Cislo supported by Heikka to commend Coaches Dan Heikka, Kerry Frame, and Chelsea Laginess and the 2016 Girls' Swimming and Diving Team for all of their accomplishments this season. All Ayes 6-0

Motion by Heikka supported by Vershum to commend Coaches Hoskins, Ward, Zupi, Price, Zurawski, Phifer and Stuebben and the 2016 Milan High School Football Team for all of their accomplishments this season. All Ayes 6-0

Public Comments:

- Tonya Ronayne, 420 W. Main Street, addressed the Board with concerns of bullying and the possibility of parents and staff members working together.

Motion by Cislo supported by Landingham to approve the consent agenda, which includes: the minutes of the regular meeting of January 11, 2017, the minutes of the workshop meeting of January 18, 2017, and the payment of bills/reimbursement of expenses. All Ayes. Carried 6-0

Motion by Peacock supported by Cislo to approve the purchase of one 71 passenger bus from Midwest Transit Equipment, Inc. for \$85,197 (as described in attachment C). All Ayes. Carried 6-0

Superintendent's Comments:

Students

- Superintendent Girbach attended a seminar hosted by Truhn Law on the topic of Law

and Student Discipline. New Student Discipline Requirements will begin on 8/1/2017. New Seclusion and Restraint Laws will take effect on 3/29/2017. The district is in good shape regarding both of these new laws. Milan Area Schools, for the most part, is already using these criteria in the decision making process.

Staff

- The district, with the support of Nurse Judee, recently trained “Emergency Response Teams” from each of the four buildings. The team members received first aid, CPR, and AED training. These teams will be used during emergency situations in each building.

General

- The district is currently working through the procurement process to purchase 5 new AED devices. The current devices are getting near the end of their useful life.
- On January 28th from 8:30 AM to noon, Superintendent Girbach attended a WASB Equity and Opportunity Retreat. The county-wide group is working to develop a WISD initiative that would help support equal opportunities for students across districts of the county. Mr. Girbach will continue to update the Board of Education as the process develops.

Communication

- The district currently has 444 Twitter followers. That is up 10 from last month.
- The district currently has 1,269 Facebook followers. That is up 28 from last month.
- A committee has started the work of developing a new web site for the school district. The web site will be built on the Blackboard platform. The use of a predesigned template will help the district meet all of the ADA requirements for governmental web sites.

Budget

- At the meeting, the Board approved the purchase of a new bus for the 2017-2018 school year. The district will be receiving \$2,300 in trade for bus #23. The bus is a 2003 International 71 passenger bus with 193,713 miles.

Legislative

- Board members Jan Kiger and Eric Peacock, along with Superintendent Girbach, attended a MASB conference today regarding student discipline. The conference covered the following topics: new rules on mandatory expulsions, new factors to consider when suspending or expelling a student, the significance of a rebuttable presumption in discipline hearings, using restorative justice practices, bullying and cyberbullying update, and due process and student discipline hearings.

Board

- At the February Workshop, the Board will be working with Shayla Griffin.
- At the March Meeting, the Board will have a presentation regarding Accountability Scorecards and School Rankings. They will also be conducting a periodic evaluation of the Superintendent.
- At the March Workshop meeting, the Board will be reviewing a Budget amendment and will meet with City representatives.

- At the April Meeting, the agenda is TBD.
- At the April Workshop, the Board will be working with Shayla Griffin.
- During the May AdvancEd visit, the Board will need to be available at the following times:
 - 11:00 AM on Monday May 8th for Board Interviews (3 people)
 - 5:00 PM on Monday May 8th for Board Interviews (4 people)
 - 2:00 PM on Wednesday May 10th for Board Meeting

Assistant Superintendent Comments:

- Assistant Superintendent McMahon spoke to the Board regarding the times of the AdvancEd visit, and the Board availability on May 8th at 11:00 AM and 5:00 PM and the early Board Meeting time of 2:00 PM on Wednesday May 10th. Assistant Superintendent McMahon recently attended a conference and attended sessions on Critical Needs and ESSA.

Board Member Comments:

- Board Member Vershum shared an interesting article on the subject of replacing detention with meditation. Vershum also encouraged Mr. Girbach look at the times for the Accreditation Meetings to better accommodate all members. Vershum reminded the Board that the Governors Summit will take place in April. Vershum also asked for a list of Anti-Bullying programs that are in place at each building.
- Board Member Heikka praised Debbie Nichols and the Paddock students for putting on such a wonderful folk dance presentation. Heikka gave kudos to Nichols for her accomplishments on such an enjoyable performance.
- Board Member Peacock recommended that the district apply for Judy Ivan Grants. Peacock also stated that the discipline and law seminar he attended was a great start and a step in the right direction.
- Board Member Cislo thanked the community member for addressing the Board with their concerns.
- Board Member Kiger spoke about the MASB Restorative Justice Practice and how the changes introduced modified the zero tolerance laws by giving schools districts more discretion on expulsion decisions. The new law also includes new obligations of school officials when considering the suspension or expulsion of a student. Kiger also polled the Board as to when and if they might be able to attend the Accreditation Review at the times of 11:00 am or 5:00 pm.
- Board Member Landingham congratulated Dan Adams on his Game Show night. The night was well done and well attended.

Public Comments:

- Bob Blaine, 727 Blue Bird Lane, commended the Board, Mr. Girbach and Mr. Smith for providing help with some personal issues. He also addressed the Board regarding bullying policies.
- Charles Siler, 122 St. Louis St, spoke to the Board regarding bullying concerns.
- Joy Obryan, 14015 Rawsonville Road, spoke to the Board regarding bullying concerns.
- Kyle Snyder provided information about the upcoming MCIS Big Red Talks.

Time of Adjournment: 7:37 p.m.