

**MILAN AREA SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
WORKSHOP MEETING
WEDNESDAY, March 23, 2016**

The workshop meeting of the Milan Area Schools Board of Education was called to order by President Kiger at 7:00 p.m. on March 23, 2016.

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

Board Members Absent: Moccio

Staff Present: Peter Kudlak, Bryan Girbach, Michelle Cowhy

Guests Present: Shayla Griffin

Public Comments: None

The Board had the first reading of the 2015-2016 Budget Amendment as described in Attachment A.

Shayla Griffin, WISD Consultant, discussed with the Board options for implementing the District Diversity Study outlined in the District/Superintendent Priorities document. Shayla will return to a future Board Meeting to have further discussion with the Board.

Superintendent's Comments:

Students

The Robotics Team placed third in the qualifying round, won their quarter final alliance match, but lost in the semifinal round. The next competition is in Howell at Parker Middle School on April 1-2, 2016.

Staff

Josh McCaman turned in his resignation today and it was accepted.

General

The water testing in all 4 buildings tested well below the EPA requirements.

MAS has 180 Twitter follower and 1043 Facebook followers.

The refinancing of our Bond Loan Fund Loan is going well. Michelle Cowhy and Bryan Girbach have been involved in numerous meetings and conference calls.

The House and Senate K-12 Appropriations Subcommittees both reported their respective versions of the budget to their full committees. While each budget still includes the \$60-120 per pupil increase recommended by Gov. Rick Snyder, they each made several changes to his recommendation.

The House and Senate approved Governor Snyder's plan to use \$72 million a year for 10 years from the Tobacco Settlement to buy down the DPS deficit.

Board

The Board will soon decide on a date for the Administrative Evaluation Training. Previous dates did not work for all 7 Board Members.

Policy Committee updates will be released soon.

Congratulation to Kerri Moccio who earned CBA Certification and Award of Merit from the MSBA.

Congratulations to Eric Peacock who earned Award of Distinction from the MSBA.

Congratulations to Jan Kiger who earned Master Diamond Award from the MSBA.

The Milan Rotary and Milan Historical Society will be hosting Bovine Bingo again this year in an effort to help raise funds.

Assistant Superintendent's Comments:

Mr. Kudlak discussed the great team building administrative outing that occurred.

Mr. Kudlak talked about the New Teacher Orientation (Part III) that included the review of district initiatives and tours of the 4 school buildings.

Mr. Kudlak complimented the Power Teaching Math Team for their great work. The team earned a great report card from the program trainers.

Mr. Kudlak reported on the likelihood of the 3rd Grade Reading Bill to pass.

Board Member Comments

Board Member Cislo sat on the interview committee for the Edna Mead Scholarship and was very impressed by the maturity of the Seniors he interviewed. Cislo also attended the 6th grade Brain Field Trip which he fully enjoyed along with the students.

Board Member Heikka would like to thank Lori Knight for all her hard work that went in to preparing for the Paddock Grand Event. Heikka also mentioned the Club Swim Team who competed at Beach Middle School in Chelsea and commended them for the hard work and team dedication that went into making this a successful season. Heikka also complimented the Boys High School Swim Team for their accomplishments at the State Meet.

Board Member Vershum would like to congratulate the MHS Play cast and crew for putting on such an amazing presentation of Once Upon A Mattress. A special thank you to Mr. Tom Fahlstrom for all the work that goes into putting on such a performance.

Vershum attended the Governors Summit in Grand Rapids and enjoyed the conference. The Governor spoke about his mission to make Michigan the #1 state for talent in the nation. He believes that improving talent development means helping educators understand the need of job providers, thus providing businesses the opportunity to craft future talent, and prepare job-seeking people for in-demand careers.

Vershum asked about the requirements of switching the district's Teacher/Paraprofessional Educational Placement service from PESG to EDUstaff. She wanted to make sure that current substitutes knew how to make the transition.

Board Member Peacock spoke about the amazing High School performance of Once Upon a Mattress. Tom Fahlstrom along with the cast and crew put on a spectacular performance.

Board Member Landingham attended the Governors Summit in Grand Rapids and thought it was a very informative conference and enjoyed listening to the keynote speaker, Jaime Casap. Jaime is the Chief Education Evangelist at Google Inc. and believes we can use technology and the web to build what we need more than anything in education.

Board Member Kiger also interviewed high school seniors for the Edna Mead Scholarship and was very impressed with this year's candidates. The senior's spoke highly of their high school years and their accomplishments especially in the MCIS Senior wing and with the C-Span videos. Kiger also express her appreciation for Lori Knight and the success of the Paddock Grand Event. Board Member Kiger also complimented the Club Swim Team and High School Boys Swim Team.

Public Comments: None

Time of Adjournment 8:47 pm.