

**MILAN AREA SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, March 9, 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 March 9, 2016.

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

**Board Members Absent:** Moccio

**Staff Present:** Janet Martin, Shanna Spickard, Kristina Collier

**Guests Present:** Abbie Moccio, John Collier

Pledge of Allegiance

**Public Comments:** None

Motion by Peacock supported by Heikka to approve the consent agenda, which includes: the minutes of the regular meeting of February 10, 2016, and the payment of bills/reimbursement of expenses.

All Ayes. Carried 6-0

Motion by Cislo supported by Peacock to approve the Adult Education Graduates, as provided in Attachment A, contingent upon their completion of all requirements. All Ayes. Carried 6-0

Motion by Peacock supported by Vershum to approve the refinancing of the School Bond Loan Fund Loan as detailed in Attachment B. All Ayes. Carried 6-0

Motion by Cislo supported by Vershum to appoint Kristina Collier as the assistant principal of Milan Middle School at an annual salary of \$78,000 effective July 1, 2016. All Ayes. Carried 6-0

**Superintendent's Comments**

**Staff**

Some sad news to report, Beth Ard's father passed away. Beth is a Paraprofessional at Milan Middle School. Our thoughts and prayers are with Beth and her family.

**District**

We are moving forward with Modern Teacher and had a great first day. We are in the process of working on integrating the district's Vision, Mission and Belief Statements into the work. Modern Teacher will help the district accomplish a Board Goal. We are determining a Theory of Action. Our next session will be March 22, 2016.

Milan Area Schools has voluntarily pulled water samples from all four of our buildings and sent them for testing. We should have the results back in one week.

This week 5 Milan Administrators toured several WISD programs. The programs visited were Forest School, Young Adult Program, Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Center Based Classrooms, Court Involved

Youth, and High Point. It was good to see the work that goes in to making these programs so successful.

As of today we have 168 Twitter followers and 1038 Facebook followers.

It is in the best interest for our schools and the community if Milan Area Schools refinances our School Bond Loan Fund debt. The Treasury Department has been notified and has approved us to move forward with the refinancing process.

### **Board**

Gregory Peoples from the WISD was elected as the Region 7 representative on the MASB Board of Directors.

Our Administrative Evaluation Training is all set and ready to go. The next step is to pick date for the training.

Policy Committee updates will be released very soon.

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

The WISD recently provided the opportunity to tour the Special Education Department. Mr. Girbach, Lon Smith, and Mr. Kudlak attended. Mr. Kudlak thought the tour was a great idea and saw some amazing work being done and was impressed by the notable dedication of the staff.

Mr. Kudlak recently attended an Advanced Ed External Review at Chippewa Township. It was a very interesting tour and a great district. It showed that Milan is on a good path in preparing for our review next year.

Mr. Kudlak and Mr. DeSarbo attended mock interviews with graduating teachers from the University of Michigan. This is an opportunity for the students to learn how to be interviewed and how to carry themselves during the interview process.

Mr. Kudlak attended Paddock's Study of Early Literacy program. This was an opportunity to see the classroom in action and enjoy some highlights of the program.

### **Board Member Comments:**

Board Member Vershum would like to start the Big Red Chats beginning with the month of March. Board Members Heikka and Peacock will present.

Board Member Cislo attended the Foundation Scholarship interviews and thought it was a great experience and nice opportunity to meet with graduating seniors.

### **Public Comments:**

Abbie Moccio stated that the High School will be holding a blood drive on March 16, 2016 at the High School from 8:00 am–1:00 pm. Abbie also announced that the senior wing will be presenting their Senior projects next week.

Motion by Cislo supported by Peacock to enter into closed session as allowed by the Open Meetings Act for periodic evaluation of the Superintendent. All Ayes. Carried 6-0  
Time entered closed session 7:43 pm.

Motion by Heikka supported by Cislo to return to open session. All Ayes. Carried 6-0

Time returned to open session 8:09 pm.

Time of Adjournment 8:09 pm.