

**MILAN AREA SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, April 13, 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 April 13, 2016.

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

Board Members Absent: None

Staff Present: None

Guests Present: Paul Stauder

Public Comments: None

Motion by Peacock supported by Heikka to approve the consent agenda, which includes: the minutes of the regular meeting of March 9, 2016, the minutes of the workshop meeting of March 23, 2016, and the payment of bills/reimbursement of expenses. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Motion by Peacock supported by Heikka to approve the April Amendment of the 2015-2016 Budget as provided in Attachment A. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Motion by Moccio supported by Peacock to approve the Amendment to JPMorgan (DNT Asset Trust) Continuing Covenants Agreement Resolution as presented in Attachment D. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Motion by Cislo supported by Peacock to approve the Focus Statements and District/Superintendent Priorities as provided in Attachment B. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Motion by Landingham supported by Heikka to approve the Adult Education Graduates, as provided in Attachment C, contingent upon their completion of all requirements. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Superintendent's Comments:

Students

Graduation rates were explained by Mr. Girbach and a 4 year graduation rate chart was distributed to the Board.

MHS Robotics team was selected by the 2nd seeded team captain to be on their alliance. The alliance won the quarter final match and then the alliance was eliminated in semifinals.

Mr. Kudlak and Mr. Girbach visited Storer YMCA camp where the sixth graders spent a successful 4 day Outdoor Environmental Program. They enjoyed activities such as horseback riding, wall climbing, and a survival day.

SAT, PSAT, M-STEP Testing has been going very well.

MAS received a 98% Immunization Completion Rate for the 2015-2016 school year.

Staff

As of Monday, April 11th MAS has certified Long Term Substitutes in place for the HS teacher who resigned.

Alice Brobst-Walsh, teacher at Symons Elementary, lost her mother in March. Our thoughts and prayers are with Alice and her family.

Kathy Falkner, a High School teacher, has announced her retirement at the end of the school year.

General

We now have 180 followers on Twitter and 1043 followers on Facebook.

The next action the Board will take regarding the Refinance of the School Bond Loan Fund Loan will be on May 11, 2016.

The MASB/MASA Legislative Conference will be Tuesday, May 31, 2016.

Board

Administrative Evaluation Training for the Board of Education will be May 21, 2016.

At the April Workshop Meeting we will be discussing topics such as AdvanceEd, Modern Teacher Presentation, and Board Operating Procedures.

At the April workshop the Board will have the 1st reading of the review of the Board Operating Procedures.

The Board needs to set a meeting date with Shayla Griffin to receive updates on our Diversity Goal.

Legislative Breakfast will be May 31, 2016 in Lansing Michigan and any Board Member wishing to attend can contact Anne Foor who will handle the registration process.

Again this year the Milan Rotary and Milan Historical Society, in an effort to raise funds, are selling Bovine Bingo tickets. Anyone interested in purchasing a ticket can contact Mr. Girbach.

Assistant Superintendent's Comments:

MAS is in the middle of test season and all is going well. The technology department is stationed in every building in case of technology issues, but as of today all is going very smoothly throughout the district.

Board Comments:

Vershun inquired about the state required guidelines for the M-STEP test. Vershun visited Symons for their internal review and said that it went great. Vershun liked the new format for the reviews and especially enjoyed the interviews with the kids and parents. Kudos to the staff for a great day.

Kiger commented on the value of the internal reviews and thanked Mr. Girbach for leading this initiative. Kiger congratulated the administrators for encouraging collaboration of the staff. Kiger extended her compliments to Mr. Kudlak for his positive and constructive criticism.

Board Member Cislo attended 6th grade camp as a chaperone and had a wonderful time. He congratulated the sixth grade staff and camp counselors for the hard work that goes in to making camp such a positive experience. He also commented about having the district administration visit camp.

Landingham proposed a book study on the book entitled *Those Kids, Our Schools: Race and Reform in an American High School* written by Shayla Reece Griffin. She also made positive comments about the Symons Internal Review.

Board Member Heikka commented on a conversation with a kindergarten parent on the lack of comments regarding our schools on the Yelp website.

Public Comments: None

Time of Adjournment 8:30 p.m.