

**MILAN AREA SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, May 11, 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 May 11, 2016.

**Board Members Present:** Kiger, Vershum, Landingham, Peacock, Moccio, Cislo, Heikka (7:32 p.m.)

**Board Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Valerie Johnson, Shanna Spickard, Jen Glushyn, McKenzie Chappel, Ryan McMahon, Mary Jo Monroe

**Guests Present:** Abbie Moccio, Jeff Soles, The Code Red Robotics Team, Kirsten Frait, Joseph Humes, Patrick Humes, Renee Humes, Emma Jackson

Emma Jackson presented the Ann Arbor Chamber “Exemplary Educational Endeavors” Award to MMS teacher Valerie Johnson for her 20% Time Project.

Joseph Humes received an Athletic Recognition from the Board.

Motion by Cislo supported by Moccio to thank the teaching staff of Milan Area Schools as recorded in Attachment B. All Ayes. Carried 6-0

Team 5567 Code Red Robotics Members accompanied by their teachers Jennifer Glushyn and McKenzie Chappell gave a presentation, as well as a demonstration of the robot, to the Board of Education.

**Public Comments:** None

Motion by Cislo supported by Landingham to approve the consent agenda that includes the minutes of the regular meeting of April 13, 2016, the minutes of the workshop meeting of April 27, 2016, the approval of payment of bills/reimbursement of expenses, and the calling of the 2016-2017 Budget and Truth-in-Taxation Hearing (as presented in attachment C). All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Superintendent Girbach provided the Board with a First Reading presentation regarding the WISD 2016-2017 budget.

Motion by Moccio supported by Heikka to approve the 2016 Refunding Bonds resolution as provided in Attachment E. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Motion by Peacock supported by Cislo to lay-off one member of the Milan Education Association as proposed in Attachment F. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

The Board discussed the Board Operating Procedures as in Attachment G.

## **Superintendent's Comments:**

### **Students**

Superintendent Girbach attended the CTE Awards at the South West Washtenaw Consortium where 4 Milan Area School students received recognition; Haley Klauke Cosmetology I, Ashley Gray Cosmetology II, Megan Harvey Culinary, Jessica Graber, Careers In Education. Congratulation to Haley, Ashley, Megan and Jessica.

Mr. Girbach attended the Lego Building Event for Paddock students held in the MCIS. Mr. Girbach was able to take the parents on a tour of the MCIS. There were 15 families in attendance.

Symons Elementary, with the help of the Milan Rotary Club, served over 500 people during the Flapjacks with Families event. Next year the Rotary Club plans to add a second griddle to help accommodate the families.

### **Staff**

Mr. Girbach and Mr. Kudlak attended a Teacher Evaluation Conference in Lansing which was found to be very informative. Both Girbach and Kudlak agreed that our current system is going to meet the new laws with just a few minor tweaks.

### **General**

The district is planning its summer advertising campaign, this year it will include mailings to Milan families (as well as surrounding communities). The intent is to make sure that the district keeps local families informed about the great programs that Milan has to offer. The campaign should be very successful.

This month at the Federal Corrections Institute Community Relations Board Meeting it was decided to close the UNICOR Plant. The plant employed inmates in several facilities across the US and provided them with job skills needed to succeed in life. This decision will make the MHS program in the FCI even more important as a Re-Entry Program. The MHS program will probably grow considerably in the future.

At the County Wide Safety Meeting it was decided to have the Fire Department and EMT join the ALICE Safety program as we all feel they play an integral part in the safety of our community and our schools.

MAS now has 217 Twitter followers and 1059 Facebook followers.

Information from Lansing is that the House, Senate and the Governor all have similar plans for the 2016-17 school year budget showing \$60-\$120 per pupil increases. At this time they have different pupil count percentages but we are sure they will come to an agreement shortly.

Tuesday, May 31, 2016 is the MASB/MASA Legislative Conference. Interested Board members were invited to attend. Board members should contact Anne Foor to coordinate arrangements.

### **Board**

At the May workshop we will be discussing the WISD Budget Vote, Board Operating Procedures Vote, Review Budget Amendment, Review Preliminary Budget, Assessment Literacy Presentation, and the Periodic Superintendent Evaluation.

At the June Regular meeting (6:30 Hearing) the Budget Amendment Vote, Preliminary Budget Vote, General Appropriations Act Vote, Food Service Renewal Vote, and 2 SIP Reports will be on the agenda.

At the June Workshop the Board will hear two SIP Reports.

At the July Regular meeting the Board will be doing some Diversity Goal Work.

Administrative Evaluation Training is scheduled for Saturday, May 21 from 8:00-4:30 p.m.

The policy updates are now Available in Dropbox. Mr. Girbach will need your comments back to him by May 31.

Shayla Reese Griffin will return on July 13 for a Diversity Goal Update. Books have been ordered, if you did not receive one, please see Mr. Girbach.

The Legislative Breakfast is Monday, May 16, 2016 at WISD, breakfast beginning at 7:00 a.m.

**Assistant Superintendent's Comments:**

As Mr. Girbach stated earlier, we attended the Educators Evaluation Conference and I feel as a District we are in a very good place and will continue to work hard.

This week the Reading Literacy Committee met and had great discussions. The committee is passionate about change and was openly sharing new ideas. It is apparent we are on track and going down the right path with the right people.

**Board Member Comments:**

Board Member Vershum mentioned that the FFA greenhouse is open for business and selling some gorgeous flowers and plants. She encourages everyone to stop by and support our FFA group who work so hard all year to make the greenhouse successful. Vershum also mentioned a social media event, in another community, of graduating seniors parading to the elementary schools encouraging students. She thought this was a great idea. Vershum is hoping Milan will be able to do this possibly next year.

Board Member Heikka attended the K-2 Music Concert and would like to congratulate Debbie Nichols who is very brave and does such an amazing job with our little ones to put on such a wonderful concert. She also expressed her sons excitement about the 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade Movie Night.

Board Member Cislo commended Christine Bell, Holly Fiedler and Kathy Falkner for doing an outstanding job leading the MMS Peer Mediation Group.

Board Member Kiger attended the CTE Awards at the South West Washtenaw Consortium and commented on the program being an eye opener. Kiger thanked the districts involved and would like to raise awareness about the importance and value of this program for our students and their futures.

Board Member Moccio, who teaches in Dearborn Heights, mentioned that the staff in her district is excited about attending the Chrome Book Conference which will be held in Milan's MCIS this summer.

Board Member Peacock stated that he was inspired by the MHS Robotics team and their demonstration of the robot. Peacock wondered how the Board can help the team secure funding as the cost of competition is very expensive.

**Public Comments:**

Kirsten Frait thanked all Milan Area School teachers for all they do on a daily basis to support our students at Milan Area Schools.

Abbie Moccio updated the Board on some events taking place at the High School such as;

May 16<sup>th</sup> NHA induction

May 17<sup>th</sup> Band concert

May 18<sup>th</sup> Drama Fundraiser

May 25<sup>th</sup> Senior Night

May 26<sup>th</sup> Choir Concert

**Time of Adjournment:** 9:36 PM