

**MILAN AREA SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, September 21, 2016**

The special meeting of the Milan Area Schools Board of Education was called to order by President Kiger at 7:01 p.m. on September 21, 2016.

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

Board Members Absent: Landingham

Staff Present: Bryan Girbach, Ryan McMahon, Michelle Cowhy, Sean DeSarbo, John Fleming, Dan Adams, Julie Belhaj, Tracy Terris, Julie Mossburg, McKenzie Chappell, Jim Brousseau, Herb Morelock, Jeff Davis, Vicki Etter, Vaughn Price, Mark Rodan, Beth Smith, Melissa Fiederlein, De’Nae Streeter, Allison Jordet, Jenni Smith, Erin Jones, Christin Cifaldi, Brad Baden

Guests Present: None

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comments: The following staff members shared their thoughts on the current year’s MEA contract negotiations. McKenzie Chappelle, Julie Mossburg, Herb Morelock, Jim Brousseau, John Fleming, Jeff Davis, Dan Adams, Tracy Terris, and Brad Baden.

Motion by Cislo supported by Peacock to approve increasing the teaching staff by one kindergarten teacher and one second grade teacher. All Ayes Carried 6-0

Superintendent Comments:

District

A bill that would require third-graders to be held back if they fall a grade-level behind in reading is now headed to Gov. Rick Snyder's desk. Members of the state House and Senate voted today to pass the long-stalled, controversial legislation one day after a committee of lawmakers reached a compromise on its language.

DTE sent a letter informing Milan of increases for the coming year.

New Teacher Orientation will be held on Monday, October 3, 2016.

In the near future WISD will hold an Early Literacy Support and Coaching conference.

Staff

Some sad news to share, Kelly Dyc’s father passed away this week. We will keep Kelly and her family in our thought and prayers.

Symons Elementary's kitchen underwent a state inspection this week and passed without violation.

Superintendent Girbach will be attending the MASA Superintendents' Conference in Traverse City from September 21-23, 2016

Board Member Comments: None

Public Comments: Tracy Terris thanked the Board for the support of the two additional staff members approved for hire.

Motion by Heikka supported by Moccio to enter into closed session as allowed by the Open Meetings Act for negotiation strategies. All Ayes Carried 6-0.

Time entered closed session 8:31 p.m.

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

Time returned to open session 9:23 p.m.

Motion by Cislo supported by Moccio to enter into closed session as allowed by the Open Meetings Act for Periodic Superintendent Evaluation. All Ayes. Carried 6-0.

Time entered closed session 9:25 p.m.

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

Time returned to open session 9:37 p.m.

Time of Adjournment 9:37 p.m.