

ON LINE WITH THE BOARD

The following actions, comments, or discussions took place at the January 13, 2010 meeting of the board of education.

In honor of School Board Recognition month, Middle School teacher Jill Gerweck and several middle school students recognized the board of education for all their dedication and hard work.

High School teachers Steve Robb and Jesse Hoskins and Middle School teacher Brent Huck gave a powerpoint presentation and a student demonstration of the new physical education curriculum and after school program called F.A.S.S.T. (Flexibility, Agility, Speed & Strength Training).

The consent agenda and the minutes for the December 9th and December 16th, and January 6th board meetings were approved, along with bills and reimbursement of expenses.

The purchase of two 71-passenger buses was approved at a cost of \$78,003 each. They will be paid for using bond funds.

The board signed a resolution regarding the Service Consolidation Plan Agreement.

Superintendent Girbach reported on the following:

- Superintendent Girbach introduced April Scarlet to the board. April is a freelance reporter that will be covering the board meetings.
- Personnel Issues
 - Milan Middle School Principal Bill Brown asked Mr. Girbach to inform the board of his absence at the meeting. He is in Lansing substitute teaching for a class at Michigan State University.
 - MHS teacher Dan Heikka and his wife recently adopted their 3rd child, a daughter, Stella Dean Robbins Heikka.
 - MMS teacher Jesse Gilding and his wife recently welcomed their new son, Nolan Gilding, to their family.
 - Sue Paris, Symons Music teacher, recently received an \$800 grant for a 4th grade fieldtrip to the Michigan Theatre to see the Freedom Train.
 - Paddock's Secretary Sheryl Feldkamp's brother recently passed away.
 - Monday (1-18-10) is a Professional Development day (building agendas were distributed).
- Student Issues
 - MHS students Rachel Schultz and Bekka Draves earned All State honors.
- Bond Update
 - Meetings for the summer construction at Paddock, Symons, and Middle Schools are progressing and seem to be on target financially.
- Budget Updates
 - The State Budget Revenue Consensus was January 11th. The State announced that they were withdrawing the \$127 per pupil proration for 2009-2010. The \$165 per pupil proration will still be implemented.
 - Next year's possible proration estimate is now \$269 per pupil (approximately \$698,000 for Milan).
 - The State is looking at the present tax structure and considering changes.
 - The Milan Area Schools 2010/2011 possible deficit could be approximately 1.1 million dollars.
 - This is being considered to avoid Privatization.
 - In an effort to avoid privatization, the 10 districts in the Washtenaw County Intermediate School District are considering a transportation consolidation plan.
- Superintendent Girbach announced that he has tickets for sale to the Foundation Dinner on February 27, 2010.

Board Member Leacher commented on how proud he was of the Milan High School students that attended the “We The People” event. Their knowledge of the US Constitution and their character was outstanding. He asked Mr. Reed and Mrs. Soltis to express his congratulations to the Government teacher Mrs. Schlack and all the students that attended the event.

Board President Chuck Bushart publicly thanked all of the Milan Area School’s staff and students for making this district so successful.

President Bushart adjourned the meeting at 8:06. p.m.