

On Line With The Board

The following actions, comments, or discussions took place at the January 14, 2015 regular meeting of the Board of Education. The meeting was held in the Board Room at the districts Central Office at 100 Big Red Drive.

1. President Peacock called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 PM
2. Oath of Office was performed by Anne Foor for our newly elected Board Members, Rita Vershum who is a re-elected Board Member, Andrew Cislo and Michelle Heikka who are Milan's newly elected Board Members. Rita, Andrew and Michelle will be serving 6 year terms.
3. The Board of Education held an election for the President of the Board for the term of one year. Eric Peacock was nominated by John Leacher and accepted.
4. The Board of Education held an election for the Vice-President of the Board for the term of one year. Jan Kiger was nominated by Eric Peacock and accepted.
5. The Board of Education held an election for the Secretary of the Board for the term of one year. Rita Vershum was nominated by Jan Kiger and accepted.
6. The Board of Education held an election for the Treasurer of the Board for the term of one year. Kerri Moccio was nominated by Rita Vershum and accepted.
7. The Board appointed a Representatives for WASB and for LRN.
 - * Washtenaw School Board Association Representative is Rita Vershum
 - * Legislative Relations Network Representative is Jan Kiger
8. In honor of School Board Appreciation Month, Karen Sterzik DECA Chapter Advisor for Milan High School, presented certificates to the Board in appreciation for all their hard work and dedication to Milan.
9. The Milan High School Staff and Students from the MCIS gave an engaging presentation to the Board.
10. The Board approved to pay the bills and reimbursement of expenses
11. The Board approved the minutes of the regular meeting of December 10, 2014.
12. The Board appointed the following person to the teaching position listed effective immediately.
 - * Jill Carey – Symons Title 1 Math Support
13. The Board approved the DECA Overnight Field Trips.
14. The Board approved the Permanent Sidewalk Easement with the City of Milan.
15. The Superintendent commented on the following:
 - * Superintendent Girbach spoke about the State making an announcement that they will no longer be using the ACT tests for High School students and will now be using the SAT state wide.
 - * Superintendent Girbach shared some sad news regarding staff members. Jackie Britton and Kathy Mee both lost their fathers over the Christmas Break. Please keep Jackie and Kathy in your thoughts and prayers.
 - * Milan has processed their first payroll through our new system and it was very successful. Staff members will now be able to access their pay stubs and other employment information online. A special thank you to Michelle Cowhy and Lynda Kime for their countless hours making sure that every piece of data was correct, completing parallel payrolls for the previous two pay periods and double checking everything.
 - * Officer Stacey Heams will be leaving her role as Student Resource Officer for Milan Schools and has accepted ad new career challenge at the Center for Forensic Psychiatry. We wish her well in her new position and Milan Schools is working with Chief Scherlinck and Jade Smith, our City Administrator, to refill this position as soon as possible.
 - * Milan Schools will be posting a new part time position for our Maintenance Department so we can properly maintain our buildings and grounds.

- * Milan Schools received a stabilization check from BCBS. This was a nice surprise and our hope is to continue to doing well so this trend could hopefully allow us to control our insurance costs in the future.
- * Milan Area Schools will be closed on Monday, January 19 2015 in honor of Martin Luther King Day.
- * Milan FFA Chapter is celebrating their 85th Anniversary and will be hosting a reception with appetizers and guest speakers. All Board Members are invited to attend this celebration that will take place on Saturday, January 24, 2015 at 5:30 pm at Milan High School.
- * On February 25, 2015 there will be an Administrative Evaluation Process meeting at the WISD at 5:00 pm.
- * Superintendent Girbach stated he will be attending the MASA Midwinter Conference in Kalamazoo on January 21-23rd.

16. Assistant Superintendent commented on the following:

- * We are now at the midpoint in the school year where we are thinking and planning for Teacher and Administration evaluations.
- * Every year before our Winter Break Milan Area Schools runs a canned food drive for the Milan Rotary Club. This year the schools collected such a substantial amount of food and essentials that we were able to service 34 families. More than 30 students helped pack the food and had it all boxed and ready for pick up.

17. The Board Members commented on the following:

- * As part of the Board goals the Board Members are active in community engagements. The Board is attending our surrounding townships Board Meetings, and giving a presentation. The Board will also be hosting Milan Big Red Chats in local establishments. Board Member Kiger commented that she has presented at London, Milan, and Exeter Townships. President Peacock commented that he presented in Augusta Township and on January 17th Board Members Vershum and Leacher will be hosting a Big Red Chat at the Milan Coffee House.

Time of Adjournment 8:42 PM