

On Line With the Board

The following actions, comments, or discussions took place at the January 9, 2013 regular meeting of the board of education.

1. President Leacher called the Regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. President Leacher announced that new board officers would be appointed for one year terms as a result of the November School Board election. President Leacher called for nominations for the office of President of Board for the remainder of the 2012/2013 school year. Board member Peacock nominated Chuck Bushart. Mr. Bushart accepted. Roll call vote was taken and Mr. Bushart was approved by a vote of 7-0.
3. New President Bushart conducted the remainder of the meeting. He called for nominations for the office of Vice President of the Board. Board Member Leacher nominated Rita Vershum. Mrs. Vershum accepted. Roll call vote was taken and Mrs. Vershum was approved by a vote of 7-0.
4. President Bushart called for a nomination of Secretary of the Board. President Bushart nominated John Leacher for Secretary. Mr. Leacher accepted. Mr. Leacher was approved by a vote of 7-0.
5. President Bushart called for a nomination of Treasurer of the Board. Board Member Leacher nominated Russ Billau for Treasurer. Mr. Billau accepted. Mr. Billau was approved by a vote of 7-0.
6. Board Member Eric Peacock was approved as the Washtenaw School Board Association Representative for our district.
7. Board Member Janice Kiger was approved as the Washtenaw Alliance for Education Representative for our district.
8. Cross Country Head Coach Steve Porter and Assistant Coach Kara Odegard were present to introduce the senior members of the Girls and Boys Cross Country Teams. The board presented each of them with a board resolution thanking them for their accomplishments this season.
9. Superintendent Bryan Girbach presented Certificates of Appreciation in recognition of School Board Appreciation Month to all the board members. Carter Hayes complimented the Board on their dedication through the course of the last year and thanked them for their ability to make good decisions under pressure. Superintendent Girbach also thanked the Board for their time and commitment to the students of the district.
10. Board Secretary John Leacher presented Board Appreciation Certificates to the two high school board representative Jessica Cook and Carter Hayes. He complimented the students for their valuable input through the course of the last year and thanked them for their dedication and time.
11. The Educational Program report that was scheduled from Dr. David Schmittou was postponed.
12. There were no Public Comments.
13. Approval of the minutes for the December 12, 2012 regular and the December 19, 2012 workshop meetings, and payment of bills/reimbursements of expenses was passed.

Superintendent Girbach reported on the following:

- Staff Issues

- Middle School Principal Dr. Schmittou and his wife have a new baby boy – Cayden Joseph.
- School Social Worker Holly Fiedler’s father passes away recently.
- Student Issues
 - Superintendent Girbach informed the board about the State Superintendent’s Drop-Out Challenge.
- Bond Issues
 - Former Board Member Sharon Simecek recently passed away. A card was sent on the board’s behalf.
 - The next board workshop meeting has been changed from 1/23/13 to 1/16/13.
 - The board welcomed new board member Kerri Moccio.
- General District Issues
 - The district has recently undergone a Fingerprint/Background Audit from the Michigan State Police. The results showed the districts record keeping was being done correctly. They offered some additional documentation procedures to put in place to make future audits more efficient.
 - The district will be audited on the Highly Qualified Status of all of our teaching staff and paraprofessionals this month. Preliminary documentation has been prepared.

Assistant Superintendent Peter Kudlak commented on the following:

- ~ MEAP scores are still embargoed and should be released to the public soon.
- ~ Accountability for AYP has recently changed. In the past, schools were expected to have 100% by 2014. It has been changed to 85% by 2022.
- ~ On February 26th the district will be audited on all of our State and Federal Grants to look at our procedures and to make sure that the district is spending the money legally.
- ~ The district has IIA and 31a money to spend. We are looking for a long-range plan to make systemic change.

14. Board Member Vershum commented on the Washtenaw County Workforce Development Group committee that she and high school teacher Kevin Upton are on. This is a committee that prepares students for the workforce after high school.
15. New Board Member Kerri Moccio thanked the board for welcoming her onto the board. She stated she looked forward to helping them make good decisions for students in Milan. She also thanked all the residents in the school district that voted for her.
16. Comments from the Public. Martin Ritchie addressed the board. He thanked the members of the Milan Logo Committee for their efforts. He was especially appreciative of the students on the committee for their drive and commitment.
17. President Bushart adjourned the meeting at 7:44 p.m.