

# ON LINE WITH THE BOARD

The following actions, comments, or discussions took place at the October 14, 2009 meeting of the board of education.

1. New teachers in the district were invited to attend the board meeting. They were asked to introduce themselves and tell what building they work in and what grade/subject they teach.
2. Jim Nagle the coordinator for the high school German Student Exchange Program attended the meeting along with this year's German Exchange students. The students and their host families were introduced.
3. Judi Burgio (Contracted Food Service Director), Nelda Pulver (high school kitchen manager), and Madeline McGregor (Symons kitchen manager) were at the meeting to accept a board resolution recognizing all of the food service workers in our district for their efforts in celebration of National School Lunch Week.
4. Symons Elementary Principal Nancy Tetens and building staff, Carol Preston and Marilyn Tripp presented information to the board on their buildings Positive Behavior Support program.
5. Approval for the consent agenda, minutes of the 9/9/09 regular and 9/16/09 workshop meetings, the 9/23/09 special meeting, and payment of bills/reimbursement of expenses.
6. David Fisher, CPA from Rehmann Robson and presented information to the board on the district's 2008/2009 annual audit. The district was given an 'unqualified' rating, considered to be the best rating possible.
7. The hiring of Brandon Szejkowski as a high school English teacher was approved.
8. Approval of the Administrator's Handbook was approved.
9. The board approved the FFA's Program of Activities for the 2009/2010 school year, which included their overnight trip to the National Convention.
10. An agenda addendum was presented and approved for the hiring of Blue Livingston as the new high school 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> grade Dean.
11. The Symons Elementary Washington D.C. trip in April – May, 2010, was approved.
12. The board approved the 2009 Bond Accounting and Bid Procedures.
13. Approval to hire Peter Basso Associates, Inc. was given as the districts Commissioning Agent for the 2009 Bond.
14. Superintendent Girbach reported on the following:
  - Information regarding the uncertainty of the State funding was shared. The possibility of \$165 per pupil cut, flexibility in location of cut if districts develop a consolidation plan, late year per pupil proration of \$100 - \$200, and prorations of \$350 - \$600 for next school year were all discussed.
  - New website requirements for districts were given. They include posting items such as union contracts, salary schedules for employees making over \$100,000, etc.
  - The Board was invited to the Milan Middle School Veteran's Day assembly on November 11<sup>th</sup>.
  - High Student's, Jessica Leacher and Charles Polenz were introduced to the board. They, along with Blake LaFuente (not present at the meeting) will be the 2009/2010 student board representatives.
  - MHS and MMS Choir teacher Shayla Powell was recognized for being appointed to the State Board for the American Choral Directors Association of Michigan.
  - Mr. Girbach announced the following staff members that have recently had additions to their families.
    - Amy and Chris Packard, both MHS teachers had a son, Jack Michael (8 lbs, 14 oz, 21")

- Chris and Nancy Gill, Athletic Director/MHS Teacher, had a daughter Evelyn Lynett (5 lbs, 1 oz, 18”).
- Todd Federer, MHS Teacher, and his wife had a daughter Aubrey Lynn (9 lbs, 4.5 oz).
- Symons Elementary Teacher Amy Hemovich is getting married on October 17<sup>th</sup>.
- The preliminary contract for hiring a Technology Consultant for the 2009 Bond is being reviewed by the Thrun Law Firm.
- Approval for the Schematic Designs for the 2009 Bond has been postponed until the October 28<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- Barton Malow Co. invoiced the district for their services rendered in conjunction with the passing of the 2009 Bond.
- Information regarding the November 3<sup>rd</sup>, WISD Millage Vote was given.
- The board was given an updated contact list, which included phone info, home addresses, email addresses, place of employment and service years of each of the board members.
- Information on the MASB conference and SET/SEG Insurance Review was shared.
- Milan’s Energy Education cost avoidance from September 2006 through July 2009 is \$958,934.14. That equates to a 30.86% in energy cost savings. Mr. Girbach publicly thanked all the employees in the district for their concentrated efforts to help with this program. He especially mentioned the extra efforts of our custodial staff.

President Bushart adjourned the meeting at 8:47 p.m.