

On Line With The Board

The following actions, comments, or discussions took place at the November 12, 2014 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. Michael Miller, on behalf of Chartwells' Food Services presented a donation to Will Wright, Principal of Paddock Elementary School, for the purchase of Guided Reading Books.
3. Peter Kudlak, Assistant Superintendent, presented to the Board an update on K-8 NWEA Data.
4. The Board approved the consent agenda.
5. The Board approved the NEOLA contract for Administrative Guidelines
6. The Board appointed the following people to teaching positions:
 - * Molly Goins – MS TC
 - * De'Nae Streeter – HS Math
 - * Eric Romans – MS Social Studies
7. The Superintendent commented on the following:
 - Paddock 2nd graders took a walking field trip to the Veterans Wall in downtown Milan to pay tribute to our Veterans. They also performed the Pledge of Allegiance and sang “This Land Is Your Land” at a luncheon hosted by the American Legion. The Veterans were very moved by the students’ performance and Superintended commented it was the best luncheon he has ever attended.
 - This week Milan Area Schools Transportation Department along with new staff will be attending ALICE Training at the WISD. The WISD is now providing weekly trainings for all new staff members, and any staff feeling like they need a refresher course.
 - On 11/13 our ALICE “Train the Trainers Program” will be providing education to our Preschool staff at Paddock Elementary with the new ALICE lessons designed for preschoolers. WISD has created these new lessons using book form. Be aware when you see police cars for our surrounding communities that they are there as part of this training.
 - Milan Area Schools along with other districts in our county are writing a county wide grant in hopes of receiving a grant to make purchases for safety equipment. The Districts have decided it was best to write one county wide grant to make sure in cases of emergency that all surrounding Police Departments will be familiar with the equipment no matter what district they are dispatched to.
 - Milan Area Schools has received news from the city that in June there will be some road construction taking place in the intersection of Platt and Redman. The city plans to widen the road and add a new lighting system to help with the flow of traffic.
 - MASA and the Superintendents Systematic Reform Committee are making plans to write a blueprint as to how Superintendents plan to make improvements to Public Education. The committee believes it is a great idea to inform the State that we understand Public Education is changing and a good idea to share concepts with State Officials.
 - Milan Area Schools would like to welcome Michelle Heikka and Andrew Cislo to the Board. Their terms will begin at our January 14, 2015 meeting. We also thank Rita for running for a second term. Michelle, Rita, and Andrew will be sworn in on January 14, 2015. We will thank Russ and Chuck for their years of service to Milan Area Schools prior to our December 10th meeting. We are planning a reception from 5:00 to 6:30 PM that evening in the Board Room.
 - Superintendent Girbach presented to the Board a preview of the “Big Red Chats” PowerPoint that will be offered to the public throughout all municipalities in Washtenaw County.

8. Assistant Superintendent's Commented on the following:

- The new teacher evaluation law is sitting in Lame Duck in the Senate. Teachers will have 40% of their evaluations based on State Data, 20% will be State Data and the other 20% will be Local Data.
- Spring Assessment will no longer happen at Paddock Elementary School. As of now assessments will always stay at Symons Elementary. This means Paddock will no longer be held accountable according to the State standards and will never be a Reward School or a Struggling School. Assistant Superintendent Kudlak stated that even though Paddock will not be held to State standards does not mean they will not be held to district standards.

9. Board Member Commented on the following

- Board Members Peacock, Vershum, Kiger, Moccio and Bushart along with Administrative Assistant Anne Foor, spoke of their experiences while attending the MASB Fall Conference. The overall impression of the Conference was that it was a very prolific conference with many inspiring speakers and valuable classes. The unanimous opinion from all who attended was the conference offers support, inspiration, and the feeling that we are doing things right here in Milan.
- Board Member Vershum made a suggestion that in the future it would be nice to have Milan Adult Education give a presentation to the Board on their successful program.

Time of Adjournment 9:04 p.m.