

On Line With the Board

The following actions, comments, or discussions took place at the November 13, 2013 regular meeting of the board of education. The meeting was held in the Board Room at the districts Central Office at 100 Big Red Dr.

1. President Bushart called the Regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. A resolution to commend the 2012/2013 Baseball Team and their coaches for all of the accomplishments last season was read by President Bushart.
3. Paddock Elementary School Principal Sean DeSarbo and teachers Tracy Terris and Julie Brenke were present at the meeting to give the board a Fall Data update on their student's progress.
4. The consent agenda that includes the approval of the minutes of the regular meeting and the workshop meeting, and a resolution to levy summer taxes was given.
5. Approval for the Logo and Logo and Mascot Usage Guidelines as presented were approved.
6. Superintendent Girbach reported on the following:
 - Student Issues
 - Boys Cross Country team had a great season, as did our football, boys' soccer, equestrian teams and girl's swimming team.
 - DECA Club students Maddy Sanders and Micaela Reddick won a competition in which they won a grant to do a community promotion to not text and drive.
 - 12 Middle and 8 High School Choir students were awarded Regional Honor Choir honors and will possibly qualifying for State Choir.
 - High School WAY student Morgan Miller passed away from injuries sustained in a car accident.
 - Staff Issues
 - Symons teacher Dan Reeve's father recently passed away.
 - Former Board Member David Johnson's son Ken passed away.
 - Milan staff recently received A.L.I.C.E. Training (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate) as part of their Professional Development. It provided staff with scenarios to help prepare and protect their students for a potential active shooter in the building. A door blockade system is being considered.
 - High School teacher Jim Brousseau was awarded a mini-grant through 'Donors Choose' for \$214 of the \$448 request to purchase additional calculators. NEA funded the remainder of the cost.
 - Symons Elementary teacher Brooke Tomalak had a baby girl – Averey Ann Tomalak
 - District Maintenance employee Charlie Allen's dad passed away recently.
 - District Issues
 - A second semester and a year round advertising plan for School of Choice are being considered.
 - Additional safety measures are being investigated by the district to enhance the A.L.I.C.E. training the district recently received.
 - Assistant Superintendent Kudlak reported on the following:
 - Several organizations have recently toured the MCIS program. Compliments to Kevin Upton on his presentations and promotion of our program.
 - Compliments are also in order for the Sexual Health Advisory Committee for their work with our students.
7. Several board members commented on the recent MASB Fall Conference that most of them attended. The consensus was that the classes they attended on Operating Principals, College Alliances, Empowering Students for the 21st Century,

Teacher/Administration Evaluations were all good. The board agreed that they were disheartened by the State's overall message that public education is not being effective.

8. President Bushart adjourned the meeting at 8:42 p.m.