

# On Line With the Board

The following actions, comments, or discussions took place at the December 11, 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 Soccer Team and their coaches for all of the accomplishments last season was read by President Bushart.
3. The 2013 Boys' Cross Country Team and their coaches were also recognized for the accomplishments last season.
4. The Equestrian Team and their coaches were recognized for their accomplishments as well.
5. Middle School Principal Dave Schmittou and several of the teachers attended the meeting to present information on "How good is good enough." They gave statistics on improvements on test scores and explained how their method of teaching has changed.
6. Assistant Superintendent Peter Kudlak gave a slide presentation on the districts Quarterly Focus School Update.
7. The minutes of the November 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> board meetings were approved along with the approval for payment of bills/reimbursement of expenses.
8. The new Accounts Payable/Receivable Manager Bari Livsey was approved.
9. The 2013/2014 December Budget Revision (General Fund) was approved as presented.
10. FCI Graduates were approved contingent upon all requirements for completion is met.
11. Superintendent Girbach reported on the following:
  - Student Issues
    - The December 10<sup>th</sup> Choir Concert with grades 6 through 12 was amazing.
    - The Reaching Higher graduation on 12/4/2013 had 28 students complete the program. The program builds leadership skills in public speaking, self-confidence and community. The district is looking at extending the program to the middle school students.
  - Staff Issues
    - Paddock teacher Nicole Gerbens recently had a baby girl Mika Grace Gerbens.
    - Paddock teacher Melissa Machak had a baby boy Matthew Christian Machak.
    - High School Counselor Ron Fear is retiring effective January 31<sup>st</sup>.
  - District Issues
    - A second semester advertising plan to promote our districts School of Choice program begins with ads at the RAVE and Quality 16 movie theaters on December 13<sup>th</sup> and runs through January 9, 2014. Commercials on Comcast will also run from 12/12/14 through 1/4/14 as well as 3' x 8' banner in the Briarwood Mall advertising our School of Choice program.
    - The district will begin the Food Service bid process soon.
    - The contract on our copier lease options will be expiring soon and the district will be reviewing our needs.
    - Additional safety measures are being investigated by an outside entity.
    - The district is currently meeting with the Milan City officials regarding a fuel purchase agreement.
  - Board Issues
    - There will be no December Workshop meeting due to the holiday. The next meeting is scheduled for January 8, 2014.
  - Assistant Superintendent Kudlak reported on the following:

- Milan High School teacher Karen Sterzik is interested in teaching and has created a proposal to begin a Personal Finance Class for students.
  - Surveys to staff, parents and students are scheduled for February/March.
  - Goal meetings with Principals for their evaluations have been on-going. Mr. Kudlak commented that the administrative team is a very strong group with collective skills that are incredible.
  - Commented on the ad campaign for School of Choice and the various ways of advertisement. He said even the light boards throughout the district are a great advertising tool.
12. Board Member Bushart asked the board to contact him if they are interested in an officer position for next year. They will be voting for office positions in January.
  13. Student Board Representative Nathan Pyle added a thank you to Janessa Monahan, Cassidy Stout and Christine Garcia for all their efforts in helping plan the Hoops for Mason Fundraiser at the high school on December 13<sup>th</sup>. The event was well attended (approximately 800 people) and a very successful undertaking. He also gave a reminder of some upcoming high school events (State Honor Choir, Blood Drive, Basketball Tournament, Jar Wars and district wide Food Drive to assist the Rotary Club).
  14. Student Board Representative Harry Irvin also gave a day-to-day list of the Sprit Week activities coming up at the high school to kick-off the Holiday Season.
  15. President Bushart adjourned the meeting at 9:35 p.m.