

ON LINE WITH THE BOARD

The following actions, comments, or discussions took place at the February 10, 2010 meeting of the board of education.

1. Board President Bushart presented each our district principal's a State Certificate of Proclamation in celebration of Principal's Week. He also thanked the administrators for their hard work and dedication to the district and the students of Milan Area Schools.
2. Paddock Principal Tonya Saragoza introduced Krissa Rumsey and Miranda Trout to explain the newly formed Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) that has been formed at Paddock Elementary School. Together they made a presentation to the board regarding the new PTO.
3. The board approved the minutes of the regular meeting of January 13, 2010, the workshop minutes of January 20, 2010, and the bills/reimbursement of expenses.
4. Approval for the purchase (using bond funds) of track equipment from Aluminum Athletic Equipment Company for \$17,918 was given.
5. The list of Milan Community Education graduates was approved contingent upon their successful completion of all requirements.
6. Approval of construction drawings, schedule, and estimated budgets were approved. The approval to proceed with the bid process was also given.

Superintendent Girbach reported on the following:

➤ Personnel

- Molly Jeppesen (Paddock Teacher) received a \$300 grant from Meijers to support student reading.
- Joanne Lund (Symons Secretary) had successful knee replacement surgery and is doing well.
- Mary Kliber (Symons Teacher) had a baby boy, Henry Thomas Kliber 9lbs, 11 oz. Both are doing well.
- Tom Gephart's (MHS Teacher) father recently passed away. He was also Jill Gerweck's (MMS Teacher) grandfather.
- The Sophomore Team of Teachers at MHS received a \$400 grant to support improved student attendance.
- State Superintendent Mike Flanagan sent an email regarding the New Teacher Evaluation Requirements.

➤ Students

- Superintendent Girbach provided the board with a list of the many student Band recognitions
- Several students in the MHS FFA Program recently earned much recognition in several categories of competition.

➤ District Programs

- The district recently hit the \$1,000,000 in cost avoidance for our Energy Program.

➤ Board Issues

- March 10th is the Legislative Conference in Lansing. The board was encouraged to attend.
- May 4th is the School Board election. There are two seats available and we have three candidates (Diane Hovatter, Rita Vershum and Russ Billau).
- In the near future the district will hold a Meet the Candidate night. The date had not yet been determined.
- MEAP Scores have been released on the secure website only at this time. District officials are reviewing them. The scores should be released shortly to the public.
- A WISD Transportation Consolidation Plan is currently being reviewed.
- The board received a 'thank you' card and note from Dennis McComb regarding the sympathy card that was recently sent by the district for his mother's death.

➤ Bond Update

- The bid process is underway for Paddock and Symons summer construction work.
- The bid process for Milan Middle School should begin next month.
- Technology bids are being evaluated and the products are being reviewed.
- The bids for the Move Management will be accepted on February 17th.
- The pool timing system was installed at MHS on February 11th.
- The draw schedule for bond funds has been updated. All of MMS will be moved to summer 1, resulting in a loss of \$200,000 in interest. However, these losses will be recouped and additional savings will be recognized by the changes in the schedule.
- Superintendent Girbach distributed his yearly evaluation forms to the board. They are due to President Bushart at the February Workshop meeting.
- The district has saved \$15,000 on the new IKON Copier contract (the 1st year of the new contract).
- SET/SEG is currently bidding out our Health/Dental/Vision coverage as is required by law.
- Superintendent Girbach is meeting with other districts on Service Consolidation Plans.
- Mr. Girbach recently attended the Mid-Winter MASA Superintendent's Conference and attended session on Negotiations Strategies for These Times and Strategic Planning.

➤ Upcoming Events

- February 12th is a Professional Development Day
- February 15th the district is closed for Mid Winter Break

7. The board entered into closed session to conduct a student discipline/reinstatement hearing as allowed by section 8 (b) of the Open Meetings Act at 8:02 p.m.
8. The board returned to open session at 8:12 p.m.
9. The board voted 7-0 to approve the reinstatement of student 2008-2009-2.
10. The board entered into closed session to discuss negotiation strategies at 8:13 p.m.
11. Open session was resumed at 8:56 p.m.
12. President Bushart adjourned the meeting at 8:57 p.m.