

On Line With the Board

The following actions, comments, or discussions took place at the February 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 Dr.

1. President Peacock called the Regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. President Peacock on behalf of all the board members recognized Debbi Hogan for her years of service to the board and thanked her for her dedication.
3. Students Micaela Reddick and Maddy Sanders were recognized for earning a \$2000 S4SD Grant to promote no texting while driving.
4. The board recognized the principal's in all of our buildings as part of the February 9th – 15th, 2014 Principal's Week.
5. Student Board Members Harry Irvine and Nathan Pyle were presented with Certificates of Appreciation for their service to the district in recognition of School Board Recognition month in January. They were both absent from the January meeting due to the snow day.
6. High School counseling staff Kim Goffee and Blue Livingston gave a slideshow presentation of the recent Reaching Higher program they conduct for approximately 40 – 50 students each year.
7. Student Services Director Lon Smith gave an update on the Special Education services that are offered in the district. He commended all the staff throughout the district for their positive attitudes.
8. The minutes of the January 8th and January 29th board meetings and the bills/reimbursement of expenses were approved.
9. The Interlocal Agreement for Cooperative Fuel Purchase between the district and the City of Milan was approved.
10. High School Business teacher Karen Sterzik provided information on a Personal Finance course she is proposing for high school students.
11. Approval for two over-night DECA fieldtrips on March 14 – 16, and May 2-7, 2014 was given.
12. Superintendent Girbach reported on the following:
 - Student Issues
 - Milan Middle School recently competed at the State Meet that resulted in several state champions. Mackenzie Crawford (diving) Madelyn Cislo (200 free), Sophie Morelock, Emma Frame, Haylie Ritchie, Madelyn Cislo (200 & 400 relay). The team also has 11 additional top 12 finishes.
 - Staff Issues
 - The district bus mechanics received another 100% pass rate on the recent state school bus inspection. This was the 12th year in a row to earn that rating.
 - Beth Ard's (MS Parapro) mother recently passed away.
 - Symons Teacher, Sue Tomford's, father recently passed away.
 - Symons Teacher, Ashley Kerns, welcomed a new baby girl – Sydney Grace to her family.
 - The Adult and Community Education department recently received a \$5000 incentive award from the State of Michigan.
 - General Issues
 - A new state law will go into effect soon requiring all buildings to have two Epi-Pens available for use in each school building and a minimum of 2 people in each building trained to administer them.

- There is a new Emergency Drill law that will be going into effect regarding the number of drills, the logging of drills, and reporting of drills completed within a school year.
- Board Issues
 - Superintendent Girbach asked the board if they had each received their new copy of the CBA Handbook.
 - The WISD Headlee Override Millage Survey was explained to the board.
 - Superintendent Girbach distributed his yearly Superintendent's Evaluation packet and asked the board to complete and return it to President Peacock before the next meeting.
 - Superintendent Girbach thanked Debbi Hogan for her service as his secretary in the Central Office during his tenure as Superintendent.
- Assistant Superintendent Kudlak reported on the following:
 - The district recently used Title III money to support ELL students. The district purchased iPad minis and Rosetta Stone software.
 - Mr. Kudlak reported he had recently attended conferences that reaffirmed the assessment work that the district has been doing.
 - Mr. Kudlak also visited the GM Proving grounds to see what the workforce looks like. The workgroup is helping to shape the science education in Washtenaw and Livingston counties to roll out the NGSS- engineering standards.
 - MEAP scores are embargoed at this time, but initially he can report that our MEAP results are excellent.
- 13. Board Member Moccio commented about the recent Cross Country Conference that she, her daughter, and eight other Milan Cross Country athletes attended.
- 14. Board Member Kiger commented on the recent NAAPID at Night program that she attended. She said it was very well run and inquired when Milan would be hosting the yearly event.
- 15. Student Board Member Nathan Pyle reported on the following:
 - The high school Chamber Choir earned a Superior rating at their recent competition.
 - Senior Max Blackburn was recently crowned Coming Home King at the Coming Home game.
 - Nate personally participated in the recent Challenge Day and commented on how it has changed his views of fellow students.
 - The senior class is working on choosing their Commencement speaker.
- 16. Student Board Member Harry Irvine reported:
 - He recently took part in the Reaching Higher program and was impressed with how much it changes you for the better. Awareness of fellow students, etc.
- 17. President Peacock adjourned the meeting at 9:11 p.m.