

On Line With the Board

The following actions, comments, or discussions took place at the March 13, 2013 regular meeting of the board of education.

1. President Bushart called the Regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. Student Services Director, Lon Smith presented information on the services that he and the Special Education Department provide for the district.
3. The minutes of the regular meeting of 2/13/2013 and the workshop meeting of 2/27/2013 and the payment of bills/reimbursement of expenses was approved.
4. A change in the ballot language for the May 7, 2013 election was approved.
5. First reading information for the WISD Biennial Election resolution, Board Policies 3130 Assignment and Transfer, 3131 Reduction in Staff, and 3139 Staff Discipline was distributed to the board.
6. Superintendent Girbach reported on the following:
 - Staff Issues
 - The bus mechanics received a 100% on this year's bus inspection. They will be recognized by the board at a future meeting.
 - High School Principal Ryan McMahan and the district's Student Liaison Officer Stacy Heams recently presented at a 'No Bullying' event at the Milan Baptist's Your Spot. The presentation was well received and the district received a 'thank you' note from the church.
 - The MEA's request for an agency fee agreement was distributed and discussed.
 - Student Issues
 - The board received an invitation to the Federal Corrections Institute Graduation on May 14th at 1:00 p.m. Forms for the board's attendance were distributed.
 - A high school student working on his Eagle Scout project has begun. He is erecting an honorarium to the retired Logo/Mascot (Indian Head) at the athletic field.
 - Several Milan South West Washtenaw Consortium students competed in various competitions and fared very well.
 - General School Issues
 - The search for a new logo is making progress. 118 renderings were submitted for consideration. The committee has made a selection and is working with the artist on modifications. The committee will meet again on March 21st.
 - County Superintendents met with County Law Enforcement to discuss the issue of safety procedures that need to be coordinated with all districts in the WISD.
 - The Paddock Elementary PTO submitted and was granted a \$2500 Wal-Mart Grant to purchase books to be placed on a Summer Loss Book Mobile.
 - The district is meeting with an advertising person to consider an ad campaign for the school district to attract new School of Choice students for next school year.
 - Board Issues
 - Board Member Janice Kiger recently earned her Data Specialty Certificate (CBA Course Work).
 - Assistant Superintendent Peter Kudlak reported on the following:
 - Mr. Kudlak reported on the Safety Plan committee that has met twice in the last two months. The district's current Safety Plan was looked at and a template was distributed so the committee could document areas of concern. The committee is

- hoping to have an updated Safety Plan completed by the beginning of the 20113/2014 school year.
- Mr. Kudlak also updated the board on the district's School Improvement. This year the district is conducting an internal review (self-evaluation surveys, staff and student performance worksheet assessment).
7. Board Members Bushart, Kiger, and Vershum attended a 'Future of Public Education' presentation at Pioneer High School in Ann Arbor. Mr. Bushart reported there were about 400 people in attendance.
 8. Board Member Kiger attended the NAAPID at Night performance. She stated she was very impressed by the talent of the students.
 9. Board Member Vershum recently attend the Middle School play 'Charlotte's Web. She complemented the students' performance as well as the set decorations.
Mrs. Vershum also made a suggestion to consider having an Open House to showcase our state of the art buildings and educational offerings for School of Choice parents and students that are thinking about coming to Milan for their education choice.
 10. Board entered into closed session as allowed by the Open Meetings Act for Student Discipline at 8:06 p.m.
 11. Return to Open Session at 9:30 p.m.
 12. The board voted to expel student 2012-2013-3 for the remainder of this school year.
 13. Board entered into closed session as allowed by the Open Meetings Act for Negotiations Strategies at 9:35 p.m.
 14. Returned to Open Session at 9:47 p.m.
 15. President Bushart adjourned the meeting at 9:49 p.m.