

On Line With the Board

The following actions, comments, or discussions took place at the March 14, 2012 meeting of the board of education.

1. President Leacher called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. High School Principal, Ryan McMahon presented data information regarding college enrollment and graduating classes from 2005 through 2009.
3. A district resident voiced concerns about the district's use of Native American images for mascot and logos.
4. Approval of minutes and payment of bills/reimbursement of expenses for the month of February were approved.
5. A motion to approval the implementation of full day Kindergarten was approved for the 2012/2013 school year.
6. Superintendent Girbach's yearly evaluation report was present on a 5 pt. scale. The categories and grade are below:

Relationship with the Board	4.3
Community Relations	4.1
Staff and Personnel Relations	4.2
Educational Leadership	4.2
Facilities Management	4.0
Business and Finance	4.4
<u>Personal Qualities</u>	<u>4.2</u>
Overall total	4.2
7. Superintendent Girbach's contract was extended for another year through June 30, 2017.
8. Members of the board voiced concerns regarding the comments that were raised regarding the mascot and logo issue. The board stated that research was being done on the board decision from 2002 and would be presented at a future meeting.
9. Superintendent Girbach reported on the following:
 - Student News
 - Chamber Choir Ladies earned a superior rating at the recent District Solo and Ensemble.
 - Milan High School Wind Ensemble earned a first division rating at District Band Festival.
 - Five students and a parent are planning a trip to Wuppertal, Germany this summer.
 - Staff Issues
 - Our Energy Management Program has helped the district to avoid 1.9 million in utility costs since September 2006.
 - Middle School teacher Valerie Johnson had a baby girl, Aria Pearl on February 25th.
 - Bond Update
 - The high school addition is progressing on schedule.
 - Fuel tanks at the old transportation garage will be removed next week.
 - Work on the tennis courts, parking lot and connecting high school sidewalk will begin soon after the demolition on the old bus garage.

- Board Issues
 - Board Scholarship applications were shared with the board.
 - The parent satisfaction survey has been distributed to the building administrators for review. It will be shared with the board at the April 25th workshop meeting.
 - Staff satisfaction surveys should be emailed soon to all district employees.
 - The process for developing the Key Communicator Group is currently being developed.
 - Board members Peacock and Kiger recently received Level One MASB certification for taking CBA classes.
 - MASB/MASA Legislative Conference at the Lansing Center is March 15th.
 - The Governor's Summit at the Kellogg Center @ MSU is April 23rd. Bryan Girbach, Jan Kiger and Rita Vershum plan to attend.
 - Curriculum Updates
 - Assistant Superintendent Julie Helber reported on several curriculum issues (ELA, Science committee meetings, etc.).
 - Fourteen staff members attended the technology based MACUL Conf.
 - Two companies have recently did presentations for Social Studies and Math pilots.
 - Two new course presentations will be given at the next board meeting.
 - FF& E bids for the new Center for Innovative Studies will be opened on April 10th. Also, student and parent meetings regarding the NCIS will take place after Spring break.
10. The board voted at 8:10 p.m. to go into Closed Session as allowed by the Open Meetings Act.
 11. The board returned to Open Session at 9:29 p.m.
 12. The board voted to suspend student 2011-2012-1 and to allow the student to complete current dual enrollment classes at WCC and receive a diploma (if all graduation requirements are met).
 13. President Leacher adjourned the meeting at 9:30 p.m.