

On Line With the Board

The following actions, comments, or discussions took place at the April 13, 2011 meeting of the board of education.

1. President Leacher called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. Superintendent Girbach shared a Certificate of Appreciation that our staff received for their generous contributions to the United Way Campaign.
3. Specials teachers Debbie Nichols and Maryanne Leadbetter gave a slide show presentation on the various means of integrating literacy instruction into the curriculum for Music, Art, Physical Education and Spanish at Paddock.
4. The consent agenda, which includes the minutes of the regular meeting of March 9, 2011, the minutes of the workshop meeting of March 23, 2011, the minutes of the Special meeting of March 30, 2011, the payment of bills/reimbursement of expenses, and the approval of board policies 2430, 3120, 5345, 5520, 7175, 8040, 8040R, 8050, 8230, and 9300.
5. Approval for the revisions of the 2010/2011 Budget as presented.
6. Approval for the purchase (using bond funds) of two 71 passenger buses from Midwest Transit Equipment, Inc. for \$83,907 each.
7. The board approved the School of Choice program for the 2011/2012 school year. We will accept applications for all grade levels K-12.
8. Approval for the Food Service Management Company Contract Renewal for the 2011/2012 school year for Chartwells School Dining Service Management Company.
9. Approval for the contract for Peterson Public Sector Consulting to complete a "Central Office Site Visit".
10. The MASB resolution to publically support a Resolution Opposing School Aid Fund Transfer to High Education was defeated 4 – 2. Vershum – no, Billau – no, Hovatter – yes, Kiger – no, Leacher – yes, Peacock – no. The board felt that there are better methods of voicing their opinions about school funding and specifically they are more concerned about equity in funding.
11. Approval for the Adult/Community Education graduates contingent upon their completion of all requirements.
12. Approval of the bond team's recommendation for Phase 2A contracts in the following areas.
 - 02B - Building Demolition
 - 02D - Asphalt Paving
 - 02E - Landscaping & Unit Pavers
 - 03B - Concrete Flatwork
 - 04A - Masonry
 - 06A - General Trades
 - 06B - Cabinets & Countertops
 - 06C - Wood Trusses & Roof Sheathing
 - 07A - Roofing
 - 08A - Aluminum Framed Units & Glazing
 - 08B - Overhead Doors
 - 09A - Painting
 - 09B - Resilient Flooring and Carpet
 - 09C - Epoxy & Resinous Flooring
 - 09D - Tile
 - 10A - Metal Lockers & Shelving
 - 12A - Window Treatments
 - 13A - Modular Press box & Bleachers

14B - Overhead Cranes

16A – Electrical

13. Bid Alternate #2 for fencing at the football field was approved.
14. Bid Alternate #3 for fencing at the soccer field\was approved.
15. Bid Alternated #4 for the Campbell Swamp Drain enclosure was approved.
16. Bid Alternate #5 for additional water irrigation to athletic fields was approved.
17. No motion was made for Bid Alternate #6 for site lighting to the tennis courts.
18. No motion was made for Bid Alternate #7 for concrete paving in lieu of asphalt paving in the transportation building parking lot and access drive.
19. Bid Alternate #8 for concrete paving in lieu of asphalt paving in transportation building parking lot was passed 4-2. Hovatter – yes, Kiger – yes, Leacher – yes, Peacock – yes, Vershum – no, Billau – no.

Superintendent Girbach reported on the following:

- Milan Schools has received a \$1000 donation from the Milan Rotary Club to be used for the Reaching Higher Program at Milan High School.
- Superintendent Girbach will be presenting information to staff in each of the buildings regarding the WISD Special Education Millage. He is also presenting information to the Milan Rotary and Milan Chamber of Commerce.
- Personnel Items:
 - Jennifer Monahan (FCI) has received a classroom set of ‘Come on People’ and ‘Fatherhood’ from actor Bill Cosby for use in the Literacy classes at the FCI.
 - Symons teacher Vicki Gabriel’s father recently passed away.
 - MHS teacher Clint Kraft was named the Monroe Co. Region Wrestling Coach of the Year.
 - MHS teacher Dan Heikka was named the Swim Coach of the Year.
 - Symons Elementary teacher Carolyn Wetzler recently became a new grandmother to twins Zachary Ryan and Meredith Marie.
 - MHS teacher Aaron Shinn also has had a new baby boy Elijah Aaron.
- Student Information:
 - Student Board representative Blake LaFuente was asked to present information at the May board meeting on his recent Washington D.C. experience.
 - High School senior Dylan Shearer was selected to the 49th Annual Michigan Youth Arts Festival Honors Band.
 - A list of all the State Band Solo and Ensemble recognitions was distributed.
 - Information on the DECA State Competition was distributed.
 - The high school Choir received an Excellent rating at the District Choral Festival.
- Board Items:
 - Board member Rita Vershum was recognized in the MASB Headlines.
 - NEOLA Policy Review materials have been ordered and meetings will be scheduled soon.
 - The Buildings and Grounds committee continues to work on the Facility Use procedure’s manual and will set a date soon for a Community Forum to discuss the revised policy, Facility Use form and pricing for our buildings and grounds rental.
 - The Budget Revision and Preliminary Budget for next year will be discussed at the April Workshop meeting.
- Bond Update:
 - Technology contract information will be discussed at the April Workshop meeting.

- An investigation into some additional work to be done on the Soccer fields will begin soon.
- WISD Superintendent Search
 - The search has been narrowed to two candidates: Tom Goodney from Ohio and Scott Menzel from the Livingston ISD. Interviews for each of the candidates will begin on 4/13/2011 and 4/14/2011 respectively.
 - Superintendent Girbach has been selected as the WISD representative to do site visits on both of the candidates. He will be at the Ohio site visit on Monday, April 18th and at the Livingston ISD on Thursday, April 21st.
- Assistant Superintendent Julie Helber presented information on the formative evaluation process of scaling-up the Reading Apprenticeship (RA) program that our district will be taking part in. Mrs. Helber also updated the board on several other curriculum issues that are actively taking place with several committees throughout the district.

20. Board member discussion regarding possible re-surfacing of the high school entrance took place.
21. Board member Billau asked when MEAP data would be discussed. It is scheduled for the April Workshop meeting.
22. Member Rita Vershum mentioned she had recently attended the Eastern Leaders Group meeting at the WISD on April 11th. Several State Representative and ISD staff also attended the meeting.
23. President Leacher adjourned the meeting at 9:32 p.m.