

On Line With The Board

The following actions, comments, or discussions took place at the April 15, 2015, Workshop meeting of the Board of Education. The meeting was held in the Board Room at the districts Central Office at 100 Big Red Drive.

1. President Peacock called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 PM
2. Superintendent Girbach and Assistant Superintendent Kudlak presented the AdvancEd Parent and Student Survey Results to the Board.
3. The Board approved the consent agenda that includes the minutes of the regular meeting of March 11, 2015 and the workshop meeting of March 25, 2015 and the approval of payment of bills/reimbursement of expenses.
4. The Board approved the revision of the 2014-2015 Budget.
5. The Board approved the Bond Swap Resolution.
6. The Board approved the Adult/Community Education Graduates contingent upon their completion of all requirements.
7. The Superintendent commented on the following:
 - Students at the Middle School and Symons have started the M-Step testing and it ran much smoother than was anticipated throughout the State. Everything ran well and the implementation process was well thought out by Teachers and Administration.
 - Some exciting news to report, Christine O'Connor, Spanish teacher at the Elementary schools had a baby girl and named her Juniper Lou. Jessica Motov, a paraprofessional at Symons Elementary had a baby boy and named him Dimitri.
 - Some sad news to report, Phil Barnes who was a Teacher and Adult/Community Ed Director has passed away. Please keep Phil's family in your thoughts and prayers.
 - Lynn Dalton, the IMC Secretary at Paddock Elementary, has decided to retire at the end of the year. Lynn has worked for Milan Area Schools for 27 years and will certainly be missed.
 - Jennifer VanDaele, Teacher at Milan Middle School, has resigned her position as 6th grade Science Teacher and has accepted a new position at WCC. Jennifer will be missed but we wish her well in her new position.
 - The WISD Budget Meeting will be held on Thursday, April 23, 2015 at 6:00 PM.
 - Washtenaw Association of School Boards Legislative Breakfast will be on Monday, May 18. Breakfast will be available at 7:00 AM and the program will begin at 7:30 AM
 - Some Legislative news to report, DTE Energy tried to push a bill though eliminating the choice for gas and electric services. The bill died in the Committee and it is our hope that this bill does not go any further because Milan Area Schools has saved a substantial amount of money on our monthly gas and electric expenses, by using a company called Michigan School Energy Conservation
8. The Assistant Superintendent commented on the following:
 - To reiterate what Superintendent Girbach stated, the M-Step is running well and was very well coordinated throughout the District. Every School District in the State of Michigan had no doubts that there would be a breakdown but fortunately for us, what few problems we did have were easily and quickly fixed.
 - Jennifer VanDaele is Milan Area Schools Teacher of the Robotics program, and this year and she did a great job getting the program up and running with a group of enthusiastic students who learned to problem solve, had a great experience, and enjoyed competing. With Jennifer leaving Milan Area Schools we will find a replacement teacher for next year and our hope is that we get even more involvement from students next year.

9. The Board Members commented on the following:

- Board Member Moccio attended the High School performance of Guys and Dolls on March 26th–29th and praised the performers on doing such an outstanding job.
- Board Member Cislo stated he and Board Member Moccio will be at the Morning Owl on May 4, 2015 for the Milan Big Red Chat.
- Board Member Kiger stated that she attended the Internal Reviews in all four buildings and saw some great implementation strategies in place, saw great work being done, saw students interacting and problem solving with each other or in groups. Kiger also commented that there are always areas to improve on but was very impressed in the classes she visited.
- Board Member Vershum attended the Internal Review for 2 of our buildings and stated she saw good interaction between students and teachers, she appreciated seeing community member participation, and is looking forward to some great feedback.
- Board Member Peacock spoke about attending the Internal Reviews and stated it was wonderful to see such good teaching going on in the District and impressive to see the student interaction during his visit. Peacock recommends that everyone takes the opportunity to attend the Internal Reviews next year.

Time of Adjournment 8:18 PM.