

# On Line With the Board

The following actions, comments, or discussions took place at the April 16, 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. Dave Schmittou was named Michigan Association Middle School Educators Principal of the Year.
3. The Board recognized April as School Library Month and honored the Media Center Staff: Kathy Mee, Jennifer Edelbrock, Beth Ard, Lori Knight and Jackie Britton.
4. The 2013-2014 Boys' Swimming Team and their coaches were recognized for their accomplishments this season both as a team and as individuals.
5. The 2013-2014 Boys' Basketball Team was recognized for winning the State Championship. Team and their coaches were recognized for their accomplishments this season both as a team and as individuals.
6. Milan Middle School gave a wonderful presentation entitled "Beyond the Numbers, Behind the Numbers".
7. The Board was addressed by Mr. Bill Kolasa on the idea of starting a Milan Youth Forum. This forum would allow students the opportunity to practice public speaking. The topic was discussed and Harry Ervin and Chuck Bushart plan on meeting at a later date with Mr. Kolasa to explore this opportunity further.
8. The minutes of the March 19<sup>th</sup> Regular meeting and the March 26<sup>th</sup> Workshop meeting and the bills/reimbursements of expenses were approved
9. The 2012-2013 Budget revision was approved
10. Superintendent Girbach reported on the following:

- **Student Issues**

- Congratulations were given to two of our students were selected to the Detroit Symphony Orchestra Middle School Honors: Emily Arms (flute) and Clare Chie (clarinet)
- Congratulations to MMS and MHS Choir groups.

The High School Chamber Choir  
District Choral Festival 2014  
Superior Rating

High School Concert Choir  
District Choral Festival 2014  
Excellent Rating

2014 All-State Honor Choir Members are:  
Lindy Anderson and Alex Cary

2014 State Honor Choir Members are at Milan High School  
Ashley Roark, Lindy Anderson, Elizabeth Woelmer, Spencer Orlando, and  
Nate Pyle

2014 State Honor Choir Members at Milan Middle School  
Katie Kaiser, Tirzah Wimmer, Kasey Miller, Samantha Peifer, Colby  
Throne Jillian Hamel, and Donovan Korth

- **Staff Issues**
  - The mother of Denise Rednour (MMS Teacher) passed away on 4/16/2014
  - Julie Franks (Paddock Teacher) had a baby boy and named him Michael Leo Franks
  - Valerie Johnson (MMS Teacher) had a baby boy and named him Silas Gregory Johnson
  
- **Board Issues**
  - The Governor's Summit will be held on April 24<sup>th</sup> and Chuck Bushart, Rita Vershum, Jan Kiger, and Bryan Girbach will be attending
  - Superintendent Girbach offer the Board the opportunity for individual Board member meetings
  - The Board of Education Scholarship Foundation Fund performed well this year and has earned a sizable spendable amount
  
- 11. Assistant Superintendent Kudlack commented on the following topics:
  - MEAP growth graph which was handed out last board meeting included Livingston Count. We were trop in 2-year growth in both counties
  - Internal Reviews were conducted the week of March 31-April 4<sup>th</sup>. Each building was visited for a ½ day and everyone who participated came away with a very powerful practices and opportunities. Jan Kiger and Rita Vershum join the team of teachers that heard about the school through a presentation, visited classrooms, and provide feedback. The experience was a very positive one.
  - The Singapore Ministry of Education will be visiting the U of M to do some work with the Education Department and as part of their trip would like to see some innovative programs. They have chosen to visit our MCIS from 12:00-3:00 pm on May 8<sup>th</sup>

Board Member Vershum commented on attending the Internal Reviews. She stated how impressed she was and how proud she was of the dedication shown to the students.

Board Member Kiger thanked all the people involved in the Internal Review process. She personally thanked Peter Kudlak and commented on how it was put together nicely. She also congratulated Nate Pyle on his honor earned with the Choral Program. Kiger also thanked Dave Kaiser for planning and organizing a nice assembly for the Boys' Basketball Team.

Board Member Vershum announced that she will be presenting at the Ypsilanti New Tech Career Day on May 9th, time TBD.

Nate Pyle congratulated the Boys' Basketball Team on earning State Champs and also congratulated the Milan Middle School on such a good presentation of "Beyond the Numbers, Behind the Numbers."

Superintendent Girbach talked about his pride in the teachers and staff at Milan Area Schools. He said the School Improvement Teams have been hard at work, which is evident. He then made the comment, "Milan does not do school improvement, we live school improvement."

Time of adjourned the open meeting at 9:00 pm