

On Line With the Board

The following actions, comments, or discussions took place at the May 11, 2011 meeting of the board of education.

1. President Leacher called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. High School teacher Cindy Hasselbring was recognized for receiving an Albert Einstein Distinguished Educator Fellowship. Cindy will spend the 2011/2012 school working in Washington, D.C.
3. The district received a Certificate of Appreciation from the Milan Police Department for offering the Officer Phil Program at Paddock Elementary.
4. A slide show from the Widening the Advancement for Youth (WAY) Program was presented. WAY is an alternative educational program available to students in the WISD.
5. Lisa Mellinger, the director of Milan's Early Childhood Programs presented information on the Milan First Steps Program.
6. Student Board Representative Blake LaFue presented information on his recent trip to Washington, D.C. as the recipient of the United States Senate Youth Program. Blake was one of two students from the State of Michigan that won the scholarship.
7. Approval of the minutes of the 4/13, 4/27, 4/30 board meetings, the bills and reimbursement of expenses and the calling of the 2011/2012 Budget and Truth-in-Taxation Hearing was given.
8. First Reading of the WISD Budget Resolution was presented. No Action was Required.
9. Approval for the list of FCI and Adult Education graduates contingent on completion of all requirements was given.
10. Superintendent Girbach reported on the following:
 - Personnel
 - Middle School teacher Jill Gerweck had a baby girl, Sophia Beth, 7 lbs 7 oz, 20"
 - High School teacher Adam Gilles and his wife had a baby girl, Elle Alexandra.
 - Middle School Parapro Crystal Scheffer had a baby girl, Catherine Marie, 8 lbs 15 oz and 20".
 - Symons Teacher Carolyn Wetzler was recently in the hospital. She is now home and recovering from surgery.
 - Paddock Teacher Debbie Nichols' brother died recently.
 - Symons Teacher Ashley Kern's father passed away.
 - Custodian Sheryl Baker's father died recently.
 - Milan Middle School recently had an attendance audit and had no loss of FTE's or any corrective action requests. Congratulations MMS!
 - Board Items
 - The board workshop has been rescheduled to May 18th.
 - The board Policy Review meeting will be May 25th.
 - The next Board Building and Grounds Committee Meeting will be May 18th at 3:00 p. to continue work on the new Facility Use Policy.
 - Bond Update
 - Quote for repairs to the high school drive has been accepted and drawings for the work will follow shortly.
 - Building and Grounds Info
 - An RFP for a new plow truck for the district has been distributed to local dealerships in the Milan, Saline, Dundee, and Ann Arbor area. Advertisement for bid has also been published in two consecutive weeks in the Monroe Evening News.

- Community and County Information
 - The WISD Special Education millage passed 76.87% Yes to 23.13% No.
 - The Milan Area Chamber of Commerce is seeking Board Members. If interested contact Christine Mann.
11. Board member Janice Kiger was absent from the meeting due to an out-of-town family illness, but sent the following comments to President John Leacher to be shared during the meeting.
 - Congratulation and thank you to our band and choir programs. The concerts were a wonderful venue for the talent throughout our district.
 - On May 1st, I was able to represent our district at the Friends of Education phone bank in Ann Arbor urging voters to vote yes on the special education millage renewal. I am proud to say that in two and one half hours on the phone I only had one caller hang up.
 - On April 28th, I was privileged to attend the John Weir Scholarship Awards. These scholarships are available to disabled students in Washtenaw, Monroe and Livingston counties. The six students who received these scholarships will be continuing their education at Monroe County Community College, Washtenaw Community College, Michigan State University, University of Michigan, Miami of Ohio, and Purdue University. This further validation that our special education programs are providing valuable assistance to our students.
 - Kudos to our art program and students whose artwork was showcased over the weekend.
 12. Board President John Leacher commented on the continuing work of the Building and Grounds Committee that is revising the district Facility Use Policy. It's coming along good, but is not complete.
 13. Student Board Representative Blake LaFuenta asked if anyone present had a chance to go to the recent band concert. He also stated that he would be graduating from Milan High School in three weeks.
 14. The board entered into closed session for negotiation strategies at 8:53 p.m.
 15. The board returned to open session at 10:21 p.m.
 16. Discussion on the estimate for the soccer fields took place.
 17. Vice President Bushart adjourned the meeting at 10:54 p.m.