

On Line With the Board

The following actions, comments, or discussions took place at the May 14, 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 Drive.

1. President Peacock called the Regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. The Board of Education recognized May 5-9th as Teacher Appreciation Week
3. The Board of Education commended Music Teacher Shayla Powell along with the Middle School and High School Choirs for all of their accomplishments this year.
4. The MCIS received the A2Y Regional Chamber of Commerce Exemplary Educational Endeavors Award. The award was presented by Donna DeButts.
5. Samantha Huelke, an 11 grader at MHS, received the Michigan Virtual University Language Scholarship.
6. Dan Adams, Pam Krebs, Alice Brobst-Walsh and McKenzie Chappell updated the Board on the Assessment Literacy project.
7. The minutes of the regular meeting of April 16, 2014, the minutes of the workshop meeting of April 30, 2014, the payment of bills/reimbursements of expenses, and the calling of the 2014-2015 Budget and Truth-in Taxation Hearing were approved.
8. The first reading of the WISD Budget Resolution and the motion was tabled until the workshop meeting on May 28, 2014.
9. The Board appointed Ellen Gessert to the teaching position of Middle School Art effective for the 2014-2015 school year.
10. The Board approved a new Bus Driver Substitute Pay Rate.
11. The Board approved Policy 6100 Best Practices.
12. The Board approved the Washtenaw Educational Options Consortium (WEOC) Agreement.

Superintendent Comments:

- Two of our Advanced Graphic students, Jordan Sparks and Sean Reid-Sanders were the winners in the 37th Annual High School Poster Competition sponsored by SAE Detroit Section. Jordan won a \$300 scholarship and Sean won a \$50 scholarship. Congratulations to both Jordan and Sean.
- Judi Burgio, Trina Gale, Vicki Etter, Adam Gilles and Hayley Muir are participating in the Fuel Up to Play 60 contest. Each building will be granted close to \$2000 to implement healthy eating and physical activity initiatives.
- The Bond Mill Rate was discussed. Superintendent Girbach said a letter of explanation will be sent to the community in the near future.

Assistant Superintendent Comments:

- The Singapore Ministry of Education came to visit the MCIS and had a lot of good things to say about Milan Area Schools.
- The Assessment Literacy group of teachers is an excellent hard working group. They will be confident leaders of the next group and as county-wide trainers.
- A reminder that the Strive Over Starvation Run sponsored by the High School is this Sunday, May 18th at 2:00p.m. The Charity Run donations go to support Food Gatherers.

- Milan Area Schools had the opportunity to get in on a grant from Intel Math. This affords MAS the opportunity to have two full weeks of training over the summer months and about 40 hours after school throughout the year.
- The partnership with the University Of Michigan Master's in Education Studies is focused on the continuous improvement process. It is a practical approach that will focus on real work that will benefit our buildings.

Board Member Comments:

- Kiger spoke about the FCI Graduation she attended and said it was a powerful and joyful experience. She complimented Superintendent Girbach on his speech to the graduates. Kiger also congratulated Lori Knight on a job well done at Grandparents Day at Paddock Elementary.
- Moccio spoke about how moving the FCI Graduation was and how she was so happy she decided to attend. She said they had a great speaker, and it was an amazing experience. She also reminded everyone about the Strive Over Starvation Run on Sunday, May 18th. She congratulated the "For the Love Of Music Concert" performed by the Wind Ensemble and Chamber Choir. Job well done!
- The Board commented about the State Legislature and the changes they made to the Bond Proposal and pay-off and what that will mean to the community.

Public Comments:

- Nate Pyle said the senior class will be sponsoring a Senior Citizens Prom this year.
- Harry Ervin shared his experience of having the opportunity to talk to a new couple who just moved to Milan who had nothing but good things to say about Milan and the school system.

Motion by Moccio supported by Bushart to enter into closed session as allowed by the Open Meetings Act for Negotiation Strategies. Roll call votes all ayes. Carried 6-0.

Time entered closed session for negotiation strategies 9:16 p.m.

Time returned to open session 9:39 p.m.

President Peacock adjourned the meeting at 9:40 p.m.