

On Line With the Board

The following actions, comments, or discussions took place at the May 9, 2012 Public Hearing and regular meeting of the board of education.

1. President Leacher called the Public Hearing regarding the revised Board Policy 5517.01 Bullying and Other Aggressive Behavior Toward Students to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. After a brief explanation of the policy and no questions, comments or concerns from the audience, the meeting was adjourned at 7:03 p.m.
3. President Leacher called the regular meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.
4. Sandra Janewick from the Ann Arbor/Ypsilanti Area Chamber of Commerce was present at the meeting to award the E3 (Exemplary Educational Endeavors to Ashley Kerns, Symons teacher for the 'Mathletes' program she has begun for struggling math student in the Symons building.
5. A resolution to commend the 2011/2012 Boys' Basketball Team for their accomplishments was approved by the board.
6. Lisa Mellinger, Director of the Paddock's Early Childhood Center gave a presentation on the Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) and the success of the preschool program in readying preschool students for Kindergarten.
7. Former high school student Carol Kuhnke (Class of 1986) was present at the meeting to distribute a flyer regarding her bid for Circuit Court Judge in Ann Arbor. She asked the board and others in the district for their support.
8. The consent agenda, approval of May board minutes, reimbursement of bill and expenses and the calling for the 2012/2013 Budget and Truth-in-Taxation Hearing was approved.
9. Mr. Girbach presented a first reading slide presentation of the WISD Budget. No action was required.
10. The board approved Policy 5517.01 Bullying and Other Aggressive Behavior Toward Students.
11. The Chartwells School Dining Service Management Company contract was approved for 2012/2013 school year.
12. The board received the results of the Parent Satisfaction Survey that was mailed to families earlier in the year.
13. The high school graduation rate compilation for the previous 5 years was shared with the board.
14. The FCI Community Education graduates list was approved pending completion of all requirements.
15. Superintendent Girbach reported on the following:
 - Student News
 - Milan High School students performed well at the recent DECA International competition. Tory Martinsen and Sydney Lammers made it to the finals of the competition.
 - Both the Boys and Girls High School Swim Teams earned Academic All-State Honors. The boys had a team average of 3.67 GPA and the girls team had a 3.64 GPA average. Congrats to the students.
 - Staff Issues
 - High School teacher Jamie Schlack recently had a baby boy – Evan Rhys.
 - Paddock Elementary Library Parapro Lori Knight's father recently passed away.

- FCI Program Director Jennifer Monahan received a MSU Mini-Grant to fund an Urban Garden Program.
 - High School Dean Blue Livingston was awarded a Judy Ivan Healthy Living Grant for \$11,470 for the Reaching Higher Program. Good Job, Blue.
 - Milan High School has also received a Georgia Pacific donation of \$1,000 for the Reaching Higher Program.
 - Bond Update
 - The delay on construction of the tennis courts and parking lot continues due to delays in the decisions from our insurance company regarding the clean-up of the ground contamination at the old bus garage due to a small fuel leak where the old pumps were.
 - Work on the soccer field is progressing well. The field is in, underground sprinkler system is ready and sod should be laid soon (weather permitting).
 - High School Center for Innovative Studies construction is on schedule
 - Construction on some parking lot changes will begin after the June 8th end of the school year.
 - Board Issues
 - The board was reminded about their board goals that need to be completed.
 - A list of the 'Key Communicator Group' was distributed.
 - An update on full day Kindergarten for the 2012/2013 was shared.
 - The board was informed that as of meeting time there were 18 people signed-up for the Community Conversation scheduled for May 16th.
 - Some upcoming calendar dates were reviewed:
 - ~ FCI Graduation – May 15th (NCI forms must be turned in and arrival time is 11:30 a.m.)
 - ~ Workshop Meeting – Community Conversation - May 16th
 - ~ Adult Education Graduation – May 17th
 - ~ Choir Concert – May 21st.
 - ~ Policy Meeting – May 23rd
 - ~ Middle School Recognition Night – May 29th
 - ~ High School Class Night – May 31st
 - ~ Paddock Elementary Pre School Graduation – June 1st
 - ~ Milan High School Graduation – June 3rd
 - ~ Last Day of School – a.m. ½ day for students, Staff Luncheon at 12:30 p.m., p.m. 1/2 day records.
 - Curriculum Update
 - Assistant Superintendent Julie Helber gave an update on the new high school Center for Innovation Studies. MCIS teachers will be meeting later in May to finalize the projected based curriculum for students and order materials and supplies. She also presented information on the Social Studies curriculum that will be under review next.
16. The board voted to enter into Closed Session as allowed by the Open Meetings Act at 9:05 p.m.
17. The board returned to Open Session at 10:37 p.m.
18. President Lecher adjourned the meeting at 10:38 p.m.