

On Line With the Board

The following actions, comments, or discussions took place at the June 8, 2011 meeting of the board of education.

1. President Lecher called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. The board commended the 2010/2011 Girls Track Team and their coaches for all of their accomplishment this season.
3. High School Student Board Representatives Blake LaFuente and Charles Polenz were given Certificates of Appreciation for serving on the board.
4. Symons teacher Stephanie Moore gave a slide show presentation on her 3rd grade class' recent trip to Mackinaw.
5. Energy Management Coordinator Kevin Upton updated the board on the \$1.5 million cost avoidance that the district has realized since entering into the program 54 months ago.
6. The minutes of the regular meeting on 5/11/2011, the workshop meeting of 5/18/2011, the special meeting of 5/25/2011, the payment of bills/reimbursement of expenses, and the membership resolution for the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) were approved.
7. The revisions to the 2010/2011 budget were approved as presented.
8. Approve was given for the preliminary budget for 2011/2012.
9. The general appropriations act for 2011/2012 was approved.
10. Policy 3110 Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) was adopted.
11. WIHI teacher, Catherine Gordon, was approved for the 2011/2012 school year to teach Spanish and History at the BA1 level.
12. Paddock Principal Tonya Saragoza's resignation was tenured to the board.
13. A Consolidation Resolution was presented and approved.
14. An early graduation request for a high school student was approved in accordance with Board Policy #8440.
15. Superintendent Bryan Girbach made the following comments:
 - Personnel
 - Paddock Teacher Corrine Fulton is getting married at the end of the month. Corinne will also be taking the open 4th grade position at Symons Elementary for the 2011/2012 school year.
 - High School Teacher Amy Packard has resigned her ½ time position to stay at home with her children.
 - Symons Teacher Consultant Jillian Gourwitz has resigned her position to pursue her doctorate degree.
 - Transportation Supervisor Cheryl Mayher has recently earned her Transportation Director certification from MSBO.
 - Symons Elementary Teacher, Jillian Gourwitz recently was awarded a \$6000 grant from the Judy Ivan Foundation to implement a Sensory Diet Program.
 - Student News
 - High School student Matthew Hall earned the Outstanding Student Award in Culinary Arts from the SWWC.
 - High School student David Konarske will be attending Boys State.
 - Nicole Nagle, high school student will be attending Girls State.
 - Board Issues
 - The Policy Review meeting is scheduled for June 15, 2011.
 - The Board Workshop will be June 22nd.

- The new Facility Use Policy for the district is nearing completion.
- Building & Grounds Update
 - Two bids for a new truck were received.
 - Spirit Ford - \$43,009.94
 - Schultz Motors - \$45,865
- Bond Update
 - Information on Soccer Field bids was discussed.
 - The high school addition plans were discussed.
 - An update was given on the summer construction work that has already started.
- Assistant Superintendent/Curriculum Report
 - Julie Helber updated the board on the Transitions in Learning Summer Program that will be available for 50 students this summer. The program will assist those students with reading and math.

Board Member Hovatter complimented the Milan Children's Preschool Program on their graduation program.

Board Member Bushart commended Principal Ryan McMahon and the high school staff on the high school Commencement Ceremony.

Board Member Janice Kiger recently attend the middle school Choir concert and commented on the fine performance of the students.

Board Member Eric Peacock commented on the recent districts accreditation meeting that he attended. He thanked Mr. Girbach and Mrs. Helber for their efforts and guidance in the process.

Board President John Leacher informed the board that he is working on date possibilities for a board member retreat. He will email everyone with dates as soon as he can.

A community member thanked the board for the consideration the district is giving to the soccer teams and youth organization with upcoming improvements to their fields. He also commented on two separate initiatives that his children are personally involved in and was grateful to the district for those programs.

Motion by Bushart supported by Hovatter to enter into closed session for negotiation strategies. Roll call votes all ayes. Carried 7-0.

Time entered closed session 8:29 p.m.

Motion by Hovatter supported by Bushart to return to open session. Roll call votes all ayes. Carried 7-0.

Time returned to open session 9:40 p.m.

President Leacher adjourned the meeting at 9:41 p.m.