

On Line With the Board

The following actions, comments, or discussions took place at the December 8, 2010 meeting of the board of education.

1. President Leacher called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. Bus Mechanics Todd Anderson and Larry Roy were commended for achieving 100% on the State 2009/2010 bus inspections.
3. High School teacher Julie Mossburg was recognized for receiving the ING Unsung Hero award.
4. Swim Coaches Dan Heikka, Kerry Frame and Robin Love and the 2010 Girl's Swim Team were recognized for all of their accomplishments this year.
5. Cross Country Coaches Steve Porter, Cindy Hasselbring, Chris Wilson, Joe Bixby and the 2010 Girls Cross Country Team were commended for their season.
6. The board resolution regarding the Fixed Payor Swap and/or Constant Maturity Swap was approved.
7. MHS teacher Karen Sterzik presented information to the board on the newly formed high school club DECA. 21 high school students are participating.
8. The consent agenda, including the minutes of the regular meeting of November 10, 2010, the workshop meeting of November 17, 2010 and the bills/reimbursement of expenses were all approved.
9. The 2010/2011 Budget Revision (General Fund) was approved as presented.
10. The recommended list of FCI Milan graduates were approved pending their successful completing of the courses.
11. Superintendent Girbach reported on the following:

Student Issues

- Danielle Anderson, Tori Darnell, Alex Ellul and Clarice Weiseman were all chosen for the State Honors Choir.
- The MHS girls Volleyball team was named an Academic All-State Team by MHSAA.
- The boys MHS Football Team was named an Academic All-State Team by MHSFCA.

Personnel Issues

- The district is planning to do a Central Office efficiency study.
- The FCI recently received a grant from Zingermans to be used to purchase 100 pairs of reading glasses and hire reading tutors.
- The Paddock Elementary Parent Teacher Organization received 4 mini grants to the following teachers:
 - Mary Jo Monroe – Literature Enrichment for Fluent Readers
 - Julie Belhaj – MP3 Listening Stations
 - Liz Sutherland – Writer's Workshop
 - Clary Thiry – Magnetic Letters and Whiteboards

Bond Update

- 94% of the district Punch list has been completed.

Other Information

- Michael Armitage sent an email compliment regarding the Middle School Veteran's Day Assembly.
- Julie Helber presented information to the board on some curriculum updates.

12. Student Board Representative Blake LaFuente gave a reminder to everyone about the Holiday Band and Choir Concert on Tuesday, December 14th.
13. Board Member Billau asked if any additional information regarding the application process for the International Baccalaureate Program from WISD was available. Superintendent Girbach responded that he had checked into it, but everything had not been finalized yet and that as soon as information and applications were available he would post it on the district web site, distribute flyers and send Honeywell Instant Alert messages.
14. Student Board Representative Charles Polenz commented on the success of the recent play performance. They sold over 1200 tickets which is a considerable increase from previous fall plays.
15. Board President John Leacher requested a meeting of the Building and Grounds Committee for early January, 2011 to discuss the current format for facility use.
16. President Leacher also commented on the benefits of the Bond Swap for our district as well as the district taxpayers. He asked the Superintendent if it would be possible to inform the community of the benefits and financial savings once the process was complete.
17. President Leacher adjourned the meeting at 9:01 p.m.