

On Line With the Board

The following actions, comments, or discussions took place at the February 9, 2011 meeting of the board of education.

1. President Leacher called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. A resolution was passed supporting the State Board of Education's recognition of Principal's Week for February 14 – 18, 2011. Superintendent Girbach followed the reading of the resolution with his compliments to our administrative team and thanked them for their leadership in the buildings and the support they give him.
3. Middle School teacher Jenny Heath presented information on the 'Study Math Learning' Professional Development Series that she and several other teachers are successfully using in their classrooms.
4. The consent agenda that includes the minutes of the January 12, 2011 meeting, the workshop minutes of the January 19, 2011 meeting, and the payment of bills/reimbursement of expenses was approved.
5. New high school physical education curriculum was approved as presented.
6. First reading information on the NEOLA (policy review) contract was distributed.
7. Symons 3rd grade teacher Stephanie Moore presented information regarding an overnight field trip to Mackinaw City. The trip was approved for May 5th and 6th, 2011.
8. Superintendent Girbach reported on the following:
 - Personnel Issues
 - Kevin Upton and other Middle School teachers have won a STEM Michigan Champions Grant for Technology Integration.
 - Paddock Speech Pathologist Ann Babcock had adopted a newborn baby girl – Gwendolyn Abigail Babcock, 6lbs 4oz, 19 ¼ in. on 2/2/11.
 - Student Updates
 - Mr. Girbach distributed information to the board on the many Band honors that our Middle School and High School students have recently earned.
 - Board Issues
 - A flyer for the Legislative Conference in Lansing on March 16, 2011 was distributed.
 - Bond Update
 - Information on the land transfer for the 19 acres of land behind the high school was discussed. The land will be transferred from Milan Township to the City of Milan now that the land will be developed.
 - There will be a bond update regarding the remaining items for Phase I and new updates and drawings for Phase II at the workshop meeting on February 23, 2011.
 - Information on the sale of the variable bond swap was discussed. The sale was successful and will save the taxpayers of Milan approximately \$10 million dollars over the life of the bond repayment.
 - Other District Information
 - Superintendent Girbach shared information on the upcoming May 3, 2011 Washtenaw County Special Education Millage Election and how it will affect our district budget.
 - The district Service Consolidation Plan was recently sent to the State. Information on consolidation efforts for our district in county wide efforts was

required, and district consolidation and conservation efforts were also included.

- State Representative Rick Olsen will be visiting our district on Friday, February 18th.
 - Superintendent Information
 - Mr. Girbach distributed an information letter and evaluation form to the board members regarding his yearly board evaluation. The evaluation form will be turned into the board president, calculated and shared at the March board meeting.
 - Superintendent Girbach reported on the Mid-Winter MASA Conference that he recently attended. He shared information on the possible retirement rate increase, the State School Aid Fund and the several break-out sessions he attended.
 - The board heard information regarding the iPads the administrators have been using and the many apps that are available.
 - Information on the evaluation tool STAGES was discussed and how it could help our administrator in the yearly evaluation of our staff.
9. Board Member Diane Hovatter commented that she is working with the Scholarship committee on this year's Edna Mead Scholarship applications. The district has received 27 applications this year.
 10. Board Member Russ Billau inquired about the release of the district MEAP scores. Assistant Superintendent Helber responded that the scores are still embargoed. The board will be informed as soon as the scores are available for public distribution.
 11. Board President John Leacher informed the board that he is still awaiting information on available dates for the annual board retreat. He also reminded all the board members that he needed their board scholarship contributions as soon as possible.
 12. The board entered into closed session at 8:39 p.m. to conduct a student discipline hearing as allowed by section 8(b) of the Open Meetings Act.
 13. The board returned to open session at 9:23 p.m.
 14. Student 2010-2011-1 was expelled through the end of the 1st semester 2011/2012. COPE services will be offered to the student.
 15. President Leacher adjourned the meeting at 9:27 p.m.