

On Line With the Board

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

1. President Lecher called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. A High School Art teacher Stephanie Stein gave a slide show presentation on NAAPID at night event that recently took place at Saline Schools.
3. Karen Sterzik, high school teacher and advisor for the DECA Team, presented information and asked for approval for an overnight field trip to the State Competition in Grand Rapids.
4. The consent agenda, and minutes of the February 9th and February 23rd board meetings were approved along with the payment of bills/reimbursement of expenses.
5. Superintendent Girbach Evaluation was presented and approved by the board.
6. Mr. Girbach's contract was extended through June 30, 2016.
7. The NEOLA Contract (for Board Policy Review and Continuous Updates) was approved.
8. The first reading of board policies 2430, 3120, 5345, 5520, 7175, 8040, 8040R, 8050, 8230 and 9300 was distributed. No Action Was Required.
9. Superintendent Girbach reported on the following:
 - Board Information
 - Board Member Janice Kiger was not present at the meeting. She has a new granddaughter, Olivia.
 - The board was reminded of the March 16th Legislative Conference in Lansing.
 - A Special Meeting of the board is scheduled for March 30th.
 - Mr. Girbach thanked the board for their individual donations to the Board Scholarship fund.
 - Board Member Rita Vershum was acknowledged for earning MASB's Level One Certification and the Award of Merit.
 - Board members were informed that petitions for the WISD Board are available if they are interested.
 - Information was given on the companies available to conduct a Central Office Operations Evaluation.
 - The Building & Grounds committee will continue working with Athletic Director, David Kaiser, on the district Facility Use policy and the district Athletic Handbook.
 - Personnel
 - All administrative mid-year evaluations are complete.
 - Tammy Reich was excused from the board meeting to attend a family event.
 - High School teachers Chris and Amy Packard welcomed their new daughter, Kayla June (7 lbs., 11 oz., 20 ½ in.) into their family.
 - An agreement with the Union was reached for the International Baccalaureate. The teachers hired will be district employees. Also, Bert Okma has agreed to be the Principal of the International Baccalaureate School.
 - Student Issues
 - Information on the Swimming and Diving State Competition was shared.
 - Both Milan Middle and High School Choirs received an Excellent rating at the recent Choir Festival.
 - Student athletes Tim Sims and Dillon Farrell placed 3rd and 6th respectively at the State Wrestling Meet.
 - The Milan High School Dance Team recently performed at the Eisenhower Center.

- 38 students were evaluated by the Mobile Dentist at Paddock Elementary. Students from Symons were also evaluated but a count was not available.
 - Bond Update
 - The district received a letter regarding the land transfer from Milan Township.
 - David Milligan, Architect from Fanning Howey that is responsible for drawing the designs on our Bond has received a 'Chairman's Award' from Fanning Howey as a result on his work on our project.
 - The board will be discussing the building of the new Transportation Garage at the next workshop meeting.
 - Budget Issues
 - At the March Workshop meeting the April Budget Revision will be discussed.
 - The 2011/2012 Preliminary Budget will be discussed at the April Workshop meeting.
 - Other Issues
 - Information on the County Special Education Millage will be discussed at the March Workshop meeting.
 - The district is in need of purchasing a new/used plow truck. One of the district's current trucks recently blew its transmission with all the snow plowing this season. Pricing information was shared and the Building & Grounds committee will review the information.
10. Board President John Leacher reminded the board about the Board Retreat scheduled for April 30th.
 11. President Leacher also commented on the letter the district recently received complementing the students that attended and helped at the Eisenhower Center.
 12. Board Trustee Russ Billau commented on the new Transportation facility.
 13. A parent commented and made a suggestion regarding the purchasing decision of a work truck that is needed for the building and grounds department.
 14. A community member asked the Superintendent what happens to any unspent bond money at the end of the project. Mr. Girbach explained the varied options that the district would have.
 15. The board entered into closed session for negotiation strategies at 8:12 p.m.
 16. President Leacher adjourned the meeting at 9:26 p.m.