

**MILAN AREA SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, January 17, 2018**

The regular meeting of the Milan Area Schools Board of Education was called to order by President Kiger at 7:00 p.m. on January 17, 2018.

**Board Members Present:** Cislo, Kiger, Landingham, Peacock, Heikka, Vershum, Moccio

**Board Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Bryan Girbach, Ryan McMahon, Krista Hendrix, Anne Foor, Aaron Shinn

**Guests Present:** Julia Woelmer, Kirsten Frait, Roderick Beaton, Denise Beaton, Luanda Beaton

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Aaron Shinn, Principal of Milan High School, Recognized the Board for their hard work and tireless effort to support our students.

Motion by Peacock supported by Moccio to elect Rita Vershum for President of the Milan Area Schools Board of Education for a one year term. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Motion by Vershum supported by Peacock to elect Michelle Heikka for Vice-President of the Milan Area Schools Board of Education for a one year term. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Motion by Peacock supported by Cislo to elect Landingham for Secretary of the Milan Area Schools Board of Education for a one year term. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Motion by Heikka supported by Vershum to elect Moccio for Treasurer of the Milan Area Schools Board of Education for a one year term. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Motion by Peacock supported by Cislo to approve the appointments listed below:

Washtenaw School Board Association Representative Moccio.

Legislative Relations Network Representative Heikka.

All Ayes. Carried 7-0

**Public Comments:** Mr. Roderick Beaton of 8720 Hivon Rd, Maybe MI, addressed the Board Members regarding concerns for the Girls Varsity Basketball program.

Motion by Landingham supported by Peacock to approve the consent agenda, which includes: the minutes of the regular meeting of November 1, 2017, the minutes of the special meeting of November 9, 2017, the minutes of the workshop meeting of November 15, 2017, and the payment of bills/reimbursement of expenses. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Motion by Landingham supported by Heikka to approve the FCI Graduates (as listed in Attachment B) contingent upon their completion of all requirements. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Aaron Shinn, Principal of Milan High School presented the Board two new courses planned for the 2018-2019 school year (MHS - AP Seminar and AP Research).

The Board had the first reading of the 2017-2018 General Fund Budget Amendment - Attachment C.

The Board had a discussion regarding the calendar of agenda items on upcoming Board Meeting agendas.

The Board held a discussion on their Community Involvement goal and the Milan Let's Chill Winter Fest.

The Board had the first reading of NEOLA Policy Updates - Attachments D1 and D2.

### **Superintendent's Comments:**

#### **Students**

- Garrett McCracken and David Snoeberger performed with the Michigan School Vocal Music Association and Regional Honor Choirs under the direction of University of Michigan Men's Glee Club conductor, Dr. Eugene Rogers. Both students earned this opportunity through a solo audition earlier this fall. As a result of his audition for the State Honor Choir program, Garrett McCracken will continue on to represent Milan High School at the Michigan Music Conference in January 2018.
- The 6-12 Band Concert, 6-12 Choir Concert, and MHS play were all outstanding. Our students continue to impress the community!
- The students' non-perishable foods drive, in all four buildings, helped make the Rotary Christmas Basket Program a huge success. High School students were also involved in packing the baskets for over 80 families!

#### **Staff**

- The second of three New Teacher Orientation sessions was held on December 7<sup>th</sup>. The new teachers spent time discussing and learning about several classroom related topics.
- Molly Jeppesen's (Paddock Teacher) Father Passed Away
- Amy Forrester's (Symons Paraprofessional) Father Passed Away
- The November Parent Teacher Conferences were a huge success in every building. The Principals are reviewing feedback on the new conference design.
- Congratulations to our mechanics, Doug Orr and Todd Anderson. They achieved another year of 100% green tag state inspections! That makes 15 consecutive year of perfect bus inspections.

#### **General**

- The Milan21 team has been hosting teacher PLC's to support the staff in their integration of 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills into their daily curriculum. Every building has held one session and the second sessions are quickly approaching. The Team will be meeting soon to discuss the implementation and the possible need for further staff support.

- The Parent Transitions Focus Group met again on January 10<sup>th</sup>. The group decided on three specific tasks that they want to accomplish to help assist parents in grade-to-grade and building-to-building transitions for their students. The three tasks are:
  1. Creating a list of items that parents might want to see on the buildings' calendars.
  2. Creating a list of items that parents might want to see on the buildings' web pages - Parent Resources page.
  3. Creating a "Parent Table" at events, such as registration, to answer parent questions.
- The District Diversity Team has attended three of the four sessions with Shayla Griffin. The homework and discussions for the CORE classes have been very beneficial to the team. Upon completion of the series, the team will meet to discuss how, with the help of Shayla Griffin, the district can begin some meaningful diversity work.
- The decision to close school on Friday, January 12<sup>th</sup> was difficult. We do not usually make a decision based completely on forecasts. However, in the end, I think the county Superintendents made the correct decision and helped keep our students safe.

### **Communication**

- The district currently has 627 Twitter followers. That is up 40 from last meeting.
- The district currently has 1,400 Facebook followers. That is up 50 from last meeting.

### **Budget**

- Superintendent Girbach is very pleased with the progression of the 2017-2018 budget. The district's financial stability continues. In the near future, the Board will be discussing technology purchases, a parking lot maintenance plan, and roof maintenance plan.

### **Legislative**

- The MAS Business Office is currently working diligently to understand the impending implementation of returning the ORS 3% Health Care contributions that were deemed unconstitutional by the Michigan Supreme Court. Milan Area Schools will be receiving over \$800,000 that will need to be distributed to approximately 450 employees who worked for the district in 2010, 2011, and 2012. The tax implications and distribution requirements have still not been completely determined by the state. The district will continue to consult with our legal firm and our auditor in an effort to make sure that we distribute the funds appropriately and in a timely fashion.

### **Assistant Superintendent Comments:**

- Milan Area Schools submitted the amended Consolidated Application on Monday to account for carry-over and recalculation of funds from MDE. The district hopes to receive approval soon.
- The district submitted an application for Title IV (new this year). Milan was allocated \$10,000, which was transferred to Title IIa for teacher development. The district is planning to run a Sheltered Instruction Observation Protocol (SIOP) training this summer. SIOP involves the integration of language and content instruction.
- The district received an Assessment Reimbursement Grant. This is the second year being awarded this grant. This year's grant was for \$7,426.68

- The district was awarded a Robotics grant for the third year. The high school was awarded \$2,500 and the middle school, which is operating two teams, received a total of \$1,600.
- In December, the district hosted a team of visitors from Howell Public Schools. Next week a team from Woodhaven-Brownstown will be visiting the MCIS for a tour of the program and facilities.
- Thanks to Mr. Shinn for developing a unique opportunity of offering two new Advanced Placement options for our students at MHS.

**Board Member Comments:**

- Board Member Landingham shared a “Thank you” bag created by Mrs. Smith’s 4<sup>th</sup> grade class for Board Appreciation Month. Landingham also spoke about the Middle School parent teacher conferences and how well thought out the conferences were designed. Landingham did suggest considering inviting students to attend conferences with their parents. Landingham also attended the Band concert and was very impressed. She thanked the older students for being an inspiration to the younger band students.
- Board Member Moccio informed the Board that she planned to attend a Legislative Coffee on January 29, 2018. She also reminded everyone that January 23<sup>rd</sup>, would be Governor Snyder’s last State of the State address. Moccio also highlighted an exciting event taking place at the WISD on March 22, 2018. From 6:30-8:30 PM, Dr. Nell Duke will presenting information about Early Literacy Development. Finally, Moccio announced that the WISD will hold their Budget Presentation on April 26<sup>th</sup>.
- Board Member Heikka spoke with teachers regarding the expense of bussing students for field trips. Heikka also attended the MMS Conferences and thought the new process worked well. Heikka asked that the district consider staggering the evenings of parent teacher conferences so that parents with children in multiple buildings could attend more conferences.

**Public Comments:** None

Motion by Kiger supported by Peacock to enter into closed session as allowed by the Open Meetings Act for Student Reinstatement. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Time entered closed session 9:08 p.m.

Motion by Landingham supported by Heikka to return to open session. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Time returned to open session 9:25 p.m.

Motion by Heikka supported by Moccio to conditionally reinstate student 2016-2017-1 in accordance with the attached resolution. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

**Time of Adjournment:** 9:30 p.m.