

**MILAN AREA SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
WORKSHOP MEETING
WEDNESDAY, January 29, 2020**

The workshop meeting of the Milan Area Schools Board of Education was called to order by President Vershum at 7:00 p.m. on January 29, 2020.

Board Members Present: Vershum, Moccio, Cislo, Kiger, Landingham, Frait, Heikka

Board Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Bryan Girbach, Ryan McMahon, Krista Hendrix

Guests Present: Scott Morrell

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comments: None

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

Motion by Heikka supported by Kiger to approve the 2019-2020 General Fund Budget Amendment as presented in Attachment B. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Motion by Moccio supported by Cislo to approve the purchase of one 71 passenger bus and one lift bus from Midwest Transit Equipment as described in Attachment C. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

The Board discussed planning for the Superintendent Evaluation process.

The Board discussed their Self Evaluation process.

Superintendent's Comments:

Students

- Congratulations to the following high school band members who earned spots on the 2020 Albion College High School Honors Band. The band will present a performance on Albion's campus in late February.
 - Britney Strimpel, clarinet
 - Audrey Haeske, trumpet
 - Zackary Zeller, bassoon/trombone
 - Wyatt Thiry, baritone saxophone
 - Emma Jones, bass clarinet
- Today, Jaime Schlack and Terry Bigham hosted an assembly for the freshman class. The purpose of the assembly was to wrap up the World History class's unit on World Religion and the Heritage Project. MHS welcomed 5 guests, Kaye Foyle - Bahai faith,

Tasneem Sultan - Muslim faith, Dwight Wilson - Quaker faith, Vicky Lovell - ELCA Lutheran, and "Mama Sarah" - Pentecostal faith, to participate in an Interfaith Panel. Freshmen Matt Bowman, Phoebe Rhoney, and Ben Orlando moderated the discussion. The questions asked included the volunteer's ideas on what happens after death, common misconceptions, how the faith is portrayed in the media, and how dominant religions can balance their privilege with their desire to practice their faith.

Staff

- Superintendent Girbach thanked the district's mechanics (Doug Orr and Todd Anderson) and the transportation department for achieving a 100% pass rate on the 2018-2019 State School Bus Inspections.

Communication

- The district currently has 947 Twitter followers. That is up 1 from the last meeting.
- The district currently has 2,016 Facebook followers. That is up 15 from the last meeting.

Board

- Superintendent Girbach discussed the MASB Strategic Planning Process.

Legislative

- Superintendent Girbach provided the Board of Education with speaking points regarding Michigan Revenue and School Aid funding. The documents provided will be helpful as the state begins conversations about the next fiscal year's budget.

Assistant Superintendent's Comments:

- Assistant Superintendent McMahon shared support for the message sent out from the district earlier this week regarding the upcoming census collection. Many important funding decisions are based upon census collection data and we need to proactively encourage our residents to participate.

Board Member Comments:

- Board Member Landingham spoke about Board Liaison Assignments.
- Board Member Frait inquired about dual enrollment grades.

Public Comments: None

Time of Adjournment: 11:11 p.m.