

**MILAN AREA SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, October 10, 2018**

The regular meeting of the Milan Area Schools Board of Education was called to order by President Vershum at 7:00 p.m. on October 10, 2018.

Board Members Present: Moccio, Cislo, Kiger, Landingham, Peacock, Vershum, Heikka (7:03)

Board Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Bryan Girbach, Ryan McMahon, Krista Hendrix, Anne Foor, Shanna Spickard, Krissy Collier, Nichole Kuenzel, Laura Perry, Pam Smaby, Emily Leach

Guests Present: George Elder, Tracy Kasperek

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion by Moccio supported by Cislo to thank the administrators of Milan Area Schools as recorded in Attachment A. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

The School Improvement Team from Milan Middle School presented their School Improvement Plan to the Board of Education.

Public Comments: None

Motion by Landingham supported by Cislo to approve the consent agenda, which includes: the minutes of the regular meeting of September 12, 2018, the minutes of the workshop meeting of September 26, 2018, the payment of bills/reimbursement of expenses, and the resolution to levy summer taxes. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

The Board heard the First Reading of the 2018 Annual Audit report. Tracy Kasperek from Rehman Robson presented the audit included in Attachments C1 & C2

The Board held a discussion regarding the District and Superintendent Priorities.

Superintendent's Comments:

Students

- Last week was Homecoming in the district. The high school recorded record participation in the homecoming activities throughout the week. The parade was successful and the dance was very well attended. While we wish the outcome of the football game could have been more favorable, the week was a huge success!
- On October 6th, the Milan Girl's Swimming and Diving team (coached by Dan Heikka) won their 2nd consecutive Monroe County Championship title.

- On October 5th, the Milan Varsity Football team read to the students at Symons Elementary. What a great event for the football players and the Symons students. Everyone involved had a great time!

General

- Duane Adams (retired Milan Area Schools' custodian) passed away on October 5th. He retired from the district in 2006.
- The district's Wellness Committee will be meeting on October 29th from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM in the Boardroom. Nurse Judee Gniewek, Food Service Director Judi Burgio, parents, administrators, and staff members will be reviewing the district's Wellness Policy. Once the policy has been updated, it will be brought to the Board for final approval.

Communication

- The district currently has 742 Twitter followers. That is up 5 from last meeting.
- The district currently has 1,559 Facebook followers. That is up 6 from last meeting.

Budget

- The 2019 refinancing of the 2009 Bonds is going well. Everything is on schedule and the interest rates are still showing a favorable savings to the district.
- Finance Director Hendrix and Superintendent Girbach met with the district's Kapnick representative on October 10th. At the meeting, the district received their annual insurance renewal rates that will take effect on January 1, 2019. We are happy to announce that our rates will decrease overall for 2019.
BCN: +12.57% BCBS PPO w/Rx: -7.65% BCBS PPO: -6.27% District: -6.5%
The district, with the assistance of Kapnick, is calculating the new illustrative rates.

Goal Work

- The Diversity Team will be meeting on October 18th to discuss next steps and the Board's deliverables for the District/Superintendent Priority. The Team will also be attending a four session Justice Leaders Advanced Course throughout the year.

Legislative

- On Monday, September 17th, Superintendent Girbach attended a Legislative Coffee at the WISD. Local legislatures discussed current bills in the House and Senate. They also provided some insight into the upcoming Lamé Duck sessions. Every citizen of Michigan should keep their eye on Lansing during the Lamé Duck time after the November election.

Board

- The Milan Area Chamber will be hosting a Board Candidate Forum on October 24th at 7:30 PM in the high school theater. The format for the evening will include 10 minute prepared statements from the candidates. Those statements will be followed by questions from the audience. Each question will be asked of all 4 candidates (who will respond in a rotating order).

Assistant Superintendent's Report:

- Assistant Superintendent McMahon shared that the district's 2018-2019 Consolidated Application was approved, which provides access to federal grant funds. While attending the MAS/FPS Conference and meeting with consultants from MDE, the proposed budget was approved without modifications, earning the approval.
- Assistant Superintendent McMahon provided an update on the development of our English Language services. The EL committee met earlier today and is working to develop a program to have an EL service provider in each building. The committee is very early in this work, but is looking forward to the development of this program.

Board Member Comments:

- Board Member Moccio stated that she was excited about the 3rd Thursday Story Time, as all the reader slots filled up quickly. She was impressed by the speedy and overwhelming response.
- Board Member Heikka shared some thoughts on the MMS School Improvement presentation. She also discussed some ideas for the upcoming Wellness Committee meeting.
- Board Member Kiger attended the Washtenaw My Brother's Keeper program. The program included a community presentation and discussion on how we can better support boys and young men of color in Washtenaw County. Kiger thought the presentation was authentic and well done.

Public Comments: None

Time of Adjournment: 8:40p.m.