

**MILAN AREA SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, October 11, 2017**

The regular meeting of the Milan Area Schools Board of Education was called to order by President Kiger at 7:00 p.m. on October 11, 2017.

Board Members Present: Cislo, Kiger, Landingham, Peacock, Heikka, Moccio,
Vershum (7:05)

Board Members Absent:

Staff Present: Bryan Girbach, Ryan McMahon, Krista Hendrix, Julie Brenke, Tracy Terris,
Sean DeSarbo

Guests Present: Tracey Kasparek, Julia Woelmer, Travis York

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion by Heikka supported by Peacock to thank the administrators of Milan Area Schools as recorded in Attachment A. All Ayes. Carried 6-0

The Paddock School Improvement Update was presented to the Board by the Administration and staff of Paddock Elementary School.

Public Comments: None

Motion by Cislo supported by Peacock to approve the consent agenda, which includes: the minutes of the regular meeting of September 13, 2017, the minutes of the workshop meeting of September 27, 2017, the payment of bills/reimbursement of expenses, and the 2018 resolution to levy summer taxes. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Motion by Peacock supported by Landingham to accept the 2016-2017 Annual Audit as presented. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Motion by Moccio supported by Cislo to appoint the following person to the teaching position listed and Base Salary listed effective immediately.

* Chuck Marion – Symons Special Education (\$43,665)

All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Superintendent's Comments:

Students

- The 2017 Homecoming festivities were a huge success. Congratulations to all of the students who participated in the Homecoming week activities.

Staff

- Former Superintendent, Dennis McComb, had surgery today to remove a tumor from the right frontal lobe of his brain. The tumor was discovered last Friday. I have communicated with Yvonne McComb several times today. The surgery is going well.
- The district received our new BCBS and BCN rates for 2018:
The premiums for our BCBS plan are dropping.
The district was also able to decrease the district funded deductible claims portion of the illustrative rates. In the end, the employee's 30% of the illustrative rate is dropping.
The premiums for our BCN plan are increasing (ACA - 20 employees)
We will now begin to develop the BCN option for our teacher group.
- Session I of the district's three part New Teacher Orientation program went very well. The new teachers spent three hours on October 5th learning about Milan Area Schools.

General

- The district has a team of 7 employees who will be attending the WISD's Diversity CORE COURSE throughout the school year. The team members include:
Clara Thiry (Paddock K Teacher)
Debbie Nichols (Paddock/Symons Music Teacher)
Anna Arroyo (MMS Spanish Teacher)
Annie Kiser (MHS Counselor)
Collette Drew (MHS Paraprofessional)
Aaron Shinn (MHS Principal)
Bryan Girbach (Superintendent)

Communication

- The district currently has 577 Twitter followers. That is up 8 from last meeting.
- The district currently has 1,336 Facebook followers. That is up 0 from last meeting.

Budget

- The Washtenaw County Special Education Millage renewal will be on the November 7th ballot. The district has information on the web page and backpack fliers and SchoolMessenger announcements will be going out during late October. Superintendent Girbach will be presenting to Rotary on October 17th. In addition, Superintendent Girbach will be providing the School Board a presentation on October 25th.

Legislative

- Superintendent Girbach attended a Legislative Coffee on October 2nd. He enjoyed sharing some of Milan's strengths and struggles with local legislatures.

Board

- At the October Workshop meeting, the agenda will include a Symons presentation, a SE Millage Presentation, and a discussion of the Superintendent's Evaluation.
- At the November Regular meeting, the agenda will include a discussion of the Superintendent's Evaluation (if necessary).
- At the November Workshop meeting, the agenda will include, and a discussion of the Superintendent's Evaluation.

Assistant Superintendent Comments:

- The Consolidated Application has been revised to meet the requirements and will be submitted for approval tomorrow.
- The Assessment Reimbursement Grant & Additional Literacy Instructional Time Grant were both submitted last week through the MDE. The instructional time grant is a little over \$24,000 and the assessment grant is unknown at the time of application.
- The MDE is responding to legislative changes in the identification process of Section 31a students. We are currently at the mercy of the process and are waiting for final decisions before we can get started.
- Assistant Superintendent McMahon spent a few days last week at the State and Federal Program Directors Conference and made some helpful connections and gained access to new resources.

Board Member Comments: None**Public Comments:** None

Motion by Landingham supported by Peacock to enter into closed session as allowed by the Open Meetings Act for Periodic Superintendent Evaluation. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Time entered closed session 8:27 p.m.

Motion by Peacock supported by Cislo to return to open session. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Time returned to open session 9:19 p.m.

Time of Adjournment: 9:19 p.m.