

**MILAN AREA SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
WORKSHOP MEETING
WEDNESDAY, October 24, 2018**

The workshop meeting of the Milan Area Schools Board of Education was called to order by President Vershum at 7:00 p.m. on October 24, 2018.

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

Board Members Absent: Heikka

Staff Present: Bryan Girbach, Ryan McMahon, Krista Hendrix

Guests Present: Travis York

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comments: None

Motion by Cislo supported by Peacock to accept the 2017-2018 Annual Audit as presented in attachments A1 and A2. All Ayes. Carried 6-0

Motion by Moccio supported by Peacock to approve increasing the Substitute Teacher Pay Rate as presented in attachment B. All Ayes. Carried 6-0

Superintendent's Comments:

Staff

- On Thursday (10-25-18), Superintendent Girbach will be hosting the new teachers for Session I of the New Teacher Orientation program. He is excited to begin working with the new teachers as they become an integral part of Milan Area Schools.

General

- Tom Holden (retired Milan Area Schools teacher) passed away on.

Communication

- The district currently has 749 Twitter followers. That is up 7 from last meeting.
- The district currently has 1,563 Facebook followers. That is up 4 from last meeting.

Budget

- The sale of the 2019 bonds that will refinance our 2009 Bonds went very well. The stock market down-turn the night before helped us with the rates. We also had between 2 and 4 times the offers at each maturity date which allowed us to lower the interest between 2 and 4 basis points. The projected savings from the refinancing are \$2.7 million on the bonds and \$1.6 million on School Bond Loan Fund interest for a total projected savings of \$4.3 million. This is great news for our taxpayers.
- Our BCBS insurance illustrative rates are now finalized. Our annual rates dropped by:

\$218.40 for Single Coverage
\$807.76 for Two Person Coverage
\$1,063.32 for Full Family Coverage

Employees who use the district's insurance will recognize a percentage of the savings through a decrease in their percentage contribution towards the illustrative rate.

Goal Work

- The Diversity Team met on Thursday (10-18-18). The Team also attended the first session of the Advanced Justice Leaders Program that day. The Team has reviewed the Board's District/Superintendent Diversity Priority and is working on the deliverables of that goal.

Board

- The Milan Area Chamber will be hosting a Board Candidate Forum tonight at 7:30 PM in the high school theater. We invite everyone to attend the event.

Assistant Superintendent's Report:

- Assistant Superintendent McMahon shared that two grant applications were recently submitted through MDE. The Additional Instructional Time Grant and the Assessment Reimbursement Grant are both in submission stage awaiting approval.

Board Member Comments:

- Board Member Moccio thanked the staff for helping make the 3rd Thursday Story Time such a huge success. Moccio also thanked Ryan McMahon and Chris Gill for helping her daughter following a car accident in the student parking lot.
- Board Member Vershum informed the Board that the previous logo designer is interested in helping design additional the MAS logo options. Vershum also reminded the Board of their Special Board Meeting taking place on Thursday, November 1, 2018 at 8:00 PM in the lobby of the Amway Grand in Grand Rapids MI.

Public Comments: None

Time of Adjournment: 7:13 p.m.