

**MILAN AREA SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
WORKSHOP MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, October 25, 2017**

The workshop meeting of the Milan Area Schools Board of Education was called to order by President Kiger at 7:00 p.m. on October 25, 2017.

**Board Members Present:** Kiger, Landingham, Peacock, Cislo

**Board Members Absent:** Vershum, Moccio, Heikka

**Staff Present:** Bryan Girbach, Ryan McMahon, Tonya Saragoza, Tiffany Yatzek, Melissa Reeves, Kimberly Gillow

**Guests Present:** Travis York, Julia Woelmer

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Symons Elementary School Administration and Staff presented their School Improvement Strategies to the Board.

Superintendent Girbach provided the Board with a presentation on the WISD Special Education Millage renewal that will be on the ballot on November 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Public Comments:** None

Motion by Cislo supported by Peacock to approve the following statement:

The Milan Area Schools' Board of Education, in the interest of all children of Washtenaw County, supports a continued effort to identify the highest impact programs, services, and supports that may improve early childhood literacy for all children in Washtenaw County. While the Milan Area Schools' community remains our top priority, we support a county-wide collaborative effort contingent upon the full participation of all other traditional public school districts in the County.

The Milan Area Schools' Board of Education supports the district's participation in this effort as long as it does not compromise the district's commitment to our students, families, and community.

This statement does not obligate Milan Area Schools to any financial commitment to the collaborative.

All Ayes. Carried 4-0

## **Superintendent's Comments:**

### **Students**

- Classrooms for Symons Elementary enjoyed visiting the MCIS Haunted Science Lab. The MHS students had some amazing experiments that were both educational and entertaining!

### **Staff**

- Doug Orr's (MAS Mechanic) father passed away last week. Superintendent Girbach attended the visitation.
- The district is working with Kapnick to finalize the alternative insurance option for the teaching staff. The district's open enrollment period is in December with a January 1 implementation.
- Superintendent Girbach has scheduled a Transitions Focus Group meeting at 6:00 PM on Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> in the Boardroom.

### **General**

- Sean DeSarbo, Ryan McMahon, and Superintendent Girbach presented at the Michigan AdvancEd Conference. Following the district's 2017 External Review, the team was contacted, by AdvancEd, and asked to present on our Annual Internal Review Process. The presentation went very well and the district received numerous requests for information regarding our process.
- Ryan McMahon attended the AdvancEd Awards Ceremony, at the Conference, and accepted our official Accreditation Award. The new plaque is now hanging in the Central Office.
- Sean DeSarbo and Superintendent Girbach hosted a group of 15 student teachers from Eastern Michigan University. The students were provided with information about the hiring process and enjoyed an open question and answer session.

### **Communication**

- The district currently has 586 Twitter followers. That is up 9 from last meeting.
- The district currently has 1,341 Facebook followers. That is up 5 from last meeting.

### **Budget**

- The Washtenaw County Special Education Millage renewal will be on the November 7<sup>th</sup> 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 at Co-Milan at 5:30 PM on Monday October 30<sup>th</sup>.

### **Board**

- At the November Regular meeting, the agenda will include a discussion about facility naming procedures.
- At the November Workshop meeting, the agenda will include MASB Conference Updates from the Board and a discussion about the Superintendent's Evaluation

**Board Member Comments:**

- Kiger spoke about Upcoming Meetings, the MASB Annual Conference, and the implementation of an MASB Self Evaluation process.
- Peacock spoke about his feelings regarding data. He believes that statistically Milan is doing a good job and that the schools have to be careful to set realistic expectations. Goals have to require accountability and be fair to all concerned.

**Public Comments:** None

**Time of Adjournment:** 8:19 p.m.