

**MILAN AREA SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
WORKSHOP MEETING
WEDNESDAY, November 28, 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 November 28, 2018.

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

Board Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Bryan Girbach, Ryan McMahon, Krista Hendrix, Chris Gill, Nichole Kuenzel, Sean DeSarbo, Tracy Terris, Julie Brenke, Stacy Price, Angela Bigham

Guests Present: Travis York, Trisha Lurette

Pledge of Allegiance

Sean DeSarbo and the Leadership Team from Paddock Elementary School presented the Paddock Elementary School Improvement plan to the Board.

Public Comments: None

Nichole Kuenzel presented the First Reading of the Reproductive Health Curriculum Changes to the Board.

The Board heard Public Comments Regarding the Proposed Reproductive Health Curriculum. No comments were made.

Krista Hendrix presented the First Reading of the 2018-2019 General Fund Budget Amendment as detailed in Attachment A.

The Board held a discussion regarding the creation of a “Reporting Dashboard” that the Superintendent would provide to the Board on a regular basis. An Ad-Hoc committee was formed to begin the development of the dashboard. The members include: Heikka (chair), Vershum, and Landingham.

Superintendent’s Comments:

Students

- On November 18th, Superintendent Girbach attended the MHS play “Almost Maine”. The students did a tremendous job! The play was very entertaining. Thank you to the students, the director (Courtney Jeffers), and the staff.
- As part of a new Chartwells’ program called “Student Choice”, MHS students enjoyed food sampling and voting today during lunch. The students sampled and voted on three different line options. The winning option will be made available on Fridays for the

next few months. The students will then have a new sampling and voting day to select a new line option.

Staff

- Rebecca Forinash's (MMS Paraprofessional) sister passed away last week.
- Effective January 1, 2019, Milan Area Schools will be switching from American Fidelity to EHiM for our HRA services. This switch will make health care reimbursements under our high deductible plan much easier for our employees.

General

- MAS in partnership with EMU and numerous other entities have been approved for final application for a Marshall Plan Grant. Principal Shinn and Superintendent Girbach have been working with EMU on the application. If the grant is approved, Milan will receive \$500,000 in teacher training and supplies to support engineering and manufacturing curriculum.
- The Washtenaw Futures Group will be preparing an application for the second round of the Marshall Plan grant program. This application will help fund college coaches for high schools in the county.

Communication

- The district currently has 756 Twitter followers. That is up 3 from last meeting.
- The district currently has 1,575 Facebook followers. That is up 0 from last meeting.

Budget

- During the months of January and February, following the December Budget Revision, the Board will be discussing facility needs, technology needs, curricular needs, and staff compensation.
- The district has finalized a Copier Lease. The new equipment should be installed sometime in the next 2 months.

Goal Work

- The Milan21 team had a work day on Monday, November 6th. The team will be providing Professional Development in each of the buildings on December 12th. The PD will focus on instructional strategies to increase Critical Thinking in the classroom.

Board

- Milan Area Schools will be hosting a Thank You Reception for Trustee Peacock from 5:30 to 6:30 PM on December 12th. Invitations have been sent/mailed to Dr. Peacock's family, current and past Board members, and the entire MAS staff.
- A New Board Member Orientation has been scheduled. President Vershum, Superintendent Girbach, and soon to be Trustee Frait will be meeting on December 11th.

Assistant Superintendent's Report:

- Assistant Superintendent McMahon reminded the Board and community that the Reproductive Health Survey is still open and accessible via our website. The survey will close on Nov. 30. Currently there are over 400 responses, which is very much appreciated.

Board Member Comments:

- Board Member Moccio reminded the Board about the upcoming MASB class being offered at the Oakland Schools. She and Board Member Cislo plan to attend. Moccio recently enjoyed hearing a presentation by the Superintendent of Detroit Schools. Moccio also reminded the Board about the upcoming Legislative Coffee at the WISD.
- Board Member Cislo attended the MHS Reaching Higher Graduation ceremony. He complimented everyone involved in the program.
- Board Member Heikka said that she is working on finding a date for the MASB Superintendent Evaluation Tool presentation. Heikka complimented the Girls Swimming and Diving Team on a wonderful performance at the State Meet.
- Board Member Veshum discussed Dr. Peacock's Thank You Reception, the future Board work on developing additional Logo concepts, and the committee work being performed on Facility Naming in the district.

Public Comments: Travis York announced dates of the The North Pole Musical.

Motion by Heikka supported by Moccio to enter into closed session pursuant to Section 8(b) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act, and upon the request of the student's parent, for the purpose of conducting a hearing to consider the discipline of a student whose identity is known to the Board as student 2018-2019-1. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Time entered closed session 10:15 p.m.

Motion by Heikka supported by Vershum to return to open session. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Time returned to open session 10:48 p.m.

Motion by Landingham supported by Heikka to expel student 2018-2019-1 in accordance with the attached resolution. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Time of Adjournment: 10:50 p.m.