

**MILAN AREA SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, December 9, 2020**

The regular meeting of the Milan Area Schools Board of Education was called to order by President Vershum at 7:00 p.m. on December 9, 2020.

Board Members Present: Vershum, Moccio, Cislo, Kiger (7:07 p.m.), Landingham, Frait, Heikka

Board Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Bryan Girbach, Ryan McMahon, Lon Smith, Krista Hendrix, Jennifer Bookout, Aaron Shinn, Shanna Spickard, Sean DeSarbo, Haley Muir, Crystal Fenrich, Dan Heikka, Amy Foerster, Holden Drozdowski, Amy Hertler, Andrea Kaplan, Becky Hovatter, Brooke Tomalak, Chris Schmidt, Christine Bell, Clara Thiry, Connie Rose, Courtney Jeffers, Nicholas Cousino, Deb Nichols, Erin Keel, Gen Saylor, Holly Bella, Lisa Kornacki, James Brousseau, Jennifer Barker, Jennifer Croze, Jill Gerweck Julie Brenke, Kaitlyn Erehart, Kelley Smith, Kelly Dyc, Kitty Heiss, Kristina Golden-Merritt, Kristina Mahaney, Lauren Johnson, Lisa Marie Francis, Lisa Martin, Kim Rock, Liz Pinkowski, Mary Kliber, Mary Monroe, McKenzie Chappell, Melissa Fiederlein, Micah Collins, Mrs. Machak, Mrs. Stafford, Ms. Hubbard, Mrs. Kuenzel, Nichole Gerbens, Pam Smaby, Robin Blackburn, Robin Walker, Chad Lawver, Sara Burden, Simona Cucuiet, Tracy Terris, Wendy Unger, Sarah Vershum, Donna Novack, Patrice Stover, Amy Creten,

Guests Present: 131 Kitty, Alia, Alison, Ashley, Aubrey Bukoski, Carrie, Denise, Derek, Don's Iphone, Emily Pool, Renn Lambert, Ipad, Iphone, Jeannie's iphone, Karen Lambert, Kari Cislo, Kelly Gerlinger, Kurt's Iphone, Mary Hagley, Melissa's iphone, Mrs. Straits, Ashley, Ms. Gruber, Owen, Skylar, Slavicek, Stefanie Lorey, Suzy, Tom Faro, Leslie DeNardis, Lona Noland, Crystal Hall, Joan's iPhone, Erin Knotts, Angry Cardinals, Clint Fink, Courtney Stone, DM, Samantha Stines, Steve, Kara, Bilal Muta, Carrie Bauer, Jenni Bobicz, sjohnson, Sheila,

Pledge of Allegiance

Location of Board Members Attending Virtually:

Cislo – Milan, MI

Frait – Milan Township, MI

Heikka – Milan, MI

Kiger – London Township, MI

Landingham – Exeter Township, MI

Moccio – York Township, MI

Vershum – Milan, MI

Public Comments:

- Superintendent Girbach recognized Rita Vershum for her service to Milan Area Schools. Mrs. Vershum served 10.5 years as a School Board Member.
- Kelley Smith of 756 Bluebird Ln., thanked Rita Vershum for her service and then updated the Board on how her virtual classes are going.
- Melissa Brown of 1263 North St, Milan shared her experiences with her family's virtual decision and expressed her gratitude.
- Sara Burden of 10 Church St. shared her success with her virtual experiences with her students and invited the Board to attend her virtual classes.
- Jennifer Barker of 1290 North St shared her experiences with her virtual classes and thanked the Board with the data given and making decisions that are best for the community.
- Dan Heikka of 1230 Beavertail Lane expressed his thoughts about his virtual classroom experiences as well as technology struggles.
- Sheena Slavicek of 12616 Townsend Rd commented on her virtual experiences and technology issues.
- Sarah Farmer of 4075 Judd Rd shared her experience with the virtual process and spoke about attendance.
- Nicole Gerbens of 3704 E Harden Ct of Saline, shared her experiences with the virtual process and invited the Board to attend her virtual classes. Gerbens also thanked the Board and administration for providing teachers the tools to be successful.
- Mary Kliber of 6439 Oakhurst Dr. in Ypsilanti thanked Superintendent Girbach and the Board for their leadership. Kliber expressed her pride of her co-workers and asked the Board to consider the price of face-to-face instruction.

Motion by Heikka supported by Cislo to approve the consent agenda that includes the minutes of the regular meeting of November 11, 2020, the minutes of the workshop meeting of November 17, 2020, and the approval of payment of bills/reimbursement of expenses. Carried 6-1 (no vote by Frait)

The Board heard the First Reading of the Budget Amendment as provided in Attachment A

Superintendent Girbach provided a 2020-2021 School Year Update to support the Board's Reconfirmation of the Extended Continuity of Learning (ECOL) Plane

Motion by Cislo supported by Moccio to follow Superintendent Girbach's recommendation for the COVID Instructional Model (to remain full virtual through December 18, 2020). Defeated 1-6 (No votes by Cislo, Frait, Heikka, Kiger, Landingham, Vershum)

The Board heard the First Reading of the NEOLA policy update as provided in Attachment B.

Superintendent's Comments:

Staff

- Kasey Straub – Resigned Effective December 11 (official letter received today)

Communication

- The district currently has 1,043 Twitter followers. That is up 0 from the last meeting.
- The district currently has 2,305 Facebook followers. That is up 4 from the last meeting.

Budget Update

- The Finance Committee has reviewed a new "Budget to Actual" document created by Ms. Hendrix. The document will be included in the January Regular Meeting Board Pack and Ms. Hendrix will provide an explanation of the format of the document. Once the new Finance Committee is in place in January, a Dropbox folder will be created to share the detailed Check Registry.

Assistant Superintendent's Comments:

- Assistant Superintendent McMahon shared two grant application updates. The District received funds for the Section 35a(5) Grant in the amount of \$25,290 and the ESSER Formula Grant in the amount of \$117,000.
- Assistant Superintendent McMahon shared that Jennifer Bookout, Lon Smith, Sean DeSarbo, Aaron Shinn, Shanna Spickard, and he attended a required Title IX training which brings our district up to date with the new Title IX requirements.

Student Board Member Comments: None

Board Member Comments:

- Board Member Moccio recognized Mrs. Vershum's 10 1/2 years of service.
- Board Member Heikka recognized Mrs. Vershum's guidance and service
- Board Member Vershum expressed her appreciation for time on the Board. Vershum recognized Tom Faro as our newest Board Member. Vershum also thanked Superintendent Girbach and Assistant Superintendent McMahon for their leadership and responsiveness

- Board Member Landingham thanked Mrs. Vershum for her service. Landingham asked Mrs. Burden and Mrs. Gerbens to send zoom links and class schedule so she could plan an observation.
- Board Member Cislo thanked Superintendent Girbach for bringing the recommendation forward. Cislo also recognized Mrs. Vershum for her service to the Board.
- Board Member Kiger thanked Rita Vershum for her time serving on the Board.

Time of Adjournment: 8:45 p.m.