

**MILAN AREA SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, March 11, 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 March 11, 2020.

Board Members Present: Vershum, Moccio, Cislo, Kiger, Landingham, Frait, Heikka (7:02)

Board Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Bryan Girbach, Ryan McMahon, Chris Gill, Jennifer Bookout, Jennifer Barker, Jessica Stafford, Sarah Farmer

Guests Present: Crystal Jones, Kelly Faro, Jacque Freeman, Alex Freeman, Amanda Bair, Beckey Bair, William Kliber, Henry Kliber, Debbie Allen, Brittney Smith, Carter Smith, Landon Faro, Brendon Brown, Julie Brown, Grace Gyolai, Sarah Vershum, Scott Morrell

Pledge of Allegiance

The Board recognized the Symons Elementary School Lego League Team as described in Attachment A

Public Comments: None

Motion by Cislo supported by Moccio to approve the minutes of the special meeting of February 8, 2020, the minutes of the regular meeting of February 12, 2020, and the payment of bills/reimbursement of expenses. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Motion by Cislo supported by Landingham to approve the network infrastructure purchases as presented in Attachment B contingent upon USAC approval for E-rate funding. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

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

* Charolette Buck-Jackson – MMS ELA Teacher (\$55,000)

All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Motion by Heikka supported by Frait to approve the Milan Education Association 2020-2021 Calendar as presented in Attachment D. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Motion by Moccio supported by Cislo to extend the Superintendent's contract by one year through June 30, 2025. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Motion by Moccio supported by Heikka to approve the Milan Area Schools 2020-2025 Strategic Plan Mission Statement, Vision Statement, Belief Statements, and Goal Statements as presented in Attachments E1. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

The Board held a discussion regarding the newest updates of the Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Motion by Frait supported by Cislo to approve the Adult Education Graduates (as listed in Attachment F) contingent upon their completion of all requirements. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Superintendent's Comments:

Students

- The 7th and 8th grade combined choir (who meet during different class periods) earned an overall "Excellent" rating at Choral Festival.
- The High School Concert and Chamber Choirs both received the highest "Excellent" rating at Choral Festival with amazing scores in sight reading.
- The high school musical, "The Addams Family" was a huge success last weekend. There are three more shows this weekend (3-13-20 at 7:00 PM, 3-14-20 at 7:00 PM and 3-15-20 at 3:00 PM).
- At the MISCA meet, an MMS team took 1st place in the State in the 200 Medley Relay. The team included: Krista Cook, Emma Kimbrell, Kamryn Stripp, and Annabelle Williams. In addition, diver Steven Gottardi placed 5th in State.

Staff

- Robin Walker's (MMS Paraprofessional) mother passed away earlier this week.
- Craig Zupi's (MHS Teacher) father passed away last week
- Stephanie Mann (MMS Spanish) resigned effective March 2, 2020
- Tom Stahl (MHS Agriscience) announced his retirement
- Lisa Griffith (Paddock 2nd Grade) announced her retirement

Communication

- The district currently has 994 Twitter followers. That is up 34 from the last meeting.
- The district currently has 2,041 Facebook followers. That is up 7 from the last meeting.

General

- Superintendent Girbach provided an update regarding the district's responsiveness to COVID-19.

Assistant Superintendent's Comments:

- Assistant Superintendent McMahon reported that MAS was awarded a Summer School Reading Grant (Section 35a(9)) in the amount of \$7,525 from the Michigan Department of Education.
- Assistant Superintendent McMahon shared that MHS was awarded the Michigan College Access Network (M-CAN) Grant in the amount of \$19,776.
- Assistant Superintendent McMahon provided an update on district plans to support the Read by Grade Three Law.
- Assistant Superintendent McMahon shared that the 2nd Grade students from Paddock visited with 3rd Grade students at Symons for the Joint Writing Celebration last Monday.

Board Member Comments:

- Board Member Heikka reminded the Board that 4th grade is scheduled to go to the National History Museum and asked about the possibility of needing to cancel the trip
- Board Member Cislo thanked Principal Aaron Shinn for the Ambassador email that was sent. Cislo also shared that he attended the Adams Family play and it was very good. Cislo updated the Board regarding scholarship applications. He informed them that the scholarship committee received 22 applicants for the Board Scholarship and 5 for the Edna Mead scholarship.
- Board Member Vershum reminded the Board of the upcoming MASB Spring Conference. Vershum also inquired about moving college application deadlines to Junior year.
- Board Member Kiger shared information she gained by attending the MASB Winter Institute. She thought it was important to always consider impact, not intent. She attended a great sessions entitled Cultural Agility and Trauma-Sensitive Approach. Kiger also inquired about visiting the Dundee STEAM Program.
- Board Member Landingham inquired about the upcoming Building Internal Reviews.

Student Board Member Comments: None

Public Comments:

Mrs. Jennifer Barker of 1228 Daisy Lane addressed the Board regarding the functionality of the MEA sick bank.

Mr. Brendon Brown and Mrs. Julie Brown of 1251 Daisy Lane thanked the Board for allowing MHS to have a Hockey Team.

Motion by Heikka supported by Frait 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/guardian, for the purpose of conducting a hearing to consider the discipline of a student whose identity is known to the Board as student 2019-2020-7. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Time entered closed session 9:14 p.m.

Time returned to open session 9:33 p.m.

Motion by Heikka supported by Cislo to expel student 2019-2020-7 in accordance with the attached resolution. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Time of Adjournment: 9:34 p.m.