

**MILAN AREA SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, March 13, 2019**

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 13, 2019.

Board Members Present: Moccio, Cislo, Vershum, Landingham, Frait, Kiger (7:02), Heikka (7:10)

Board Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Bryan Girbach, Ryan McMahon, Krista Hendrix, Anne Foor

Guests Present: Travis York, Senator Jeff Irwin

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comments:

Senator Jeff Irwin introduced himself and briefly discussed his stance on educational policy in Lansing. He also offered to make himself available for discussions with the Board of Education.

Motion by Cislo supported by Moccio to approve the consent agenda, which includes: the minutes of the regular meeting of February 13, 2019, the minutes of the workshop meeting of February 27, 2019, and the payment of bills/reimbursement of expenses. All Ayes. Carried 6-0

The Board heard a First Reading of the NEOLA Policy updates as included in Attachments A1-A9.

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

The Board discussed the transition to the MASB Evaluation Tool for the Superintendent.

Superintendent's Comments:

Students

- The Boys Swimming and Diving Team won the SMISL Championship on March 2nd. During the meet, the swimmers posted over 50 lifetime bests.
- The Boys Swimming and Diving Team took 7th at the State Meet.
- The Code Red Robotics Team were champions at the regional competition in Belleville last week. They are already close to qualifying for state level competitions after only participating in one event. The team also won the Safety Award and the Creative Controls Award.
- The high school Musical "Mary Poppins" had a very successful first weekend. There are shows scheduled for this Friday and Saturday at 7:00 PM and Sunday at 2:30 PM.

Staff

- Clara Thiry (Paddock Teacher) lost her Father-in-Law on 3-5-19
- The MMS Internal Review was held on March 7th. The Building Leadership team did a great job. Mr. McMahon also did a nice job of conducting the day in accordance with AdvancEd methodologies.
- The Paddock Internal Review was held on March 13th. The Building Leadership team did a great job. Mr. McMahon also did a nice job of conducting the day in accordance with AdvancEd methodologies.
- Superintendent Girbach hosted the third session of the New Teacher Orientation series on March 4th. He talked with the new teachers about the following topics: District Demographics, Vision Statement, Mission and Belief Statements, Board Focus Statements, District Priorities, AdvancEd School Improvement Process, Internal Reviews, and Milan21. The teachers were very complimentary of the 3 session series.

General

- The district is currently involved in two insurance claims with SET SEG. One claim includes damage caused by the recent wind storm. The other claim includes damage caused by a recent power outage. SET SEG is working with the district and has been very supportive throughout the process.

Communication

- The district currently has 864 Twitter followers. That is up 9 from last meeting.
- The district currently has 1,791 Facebook followers. That is up 7 from last meeting.

Board

- Jan Kiger (Board Member) lost her Father-in-Law.
- Superintendent Girbach reminded the Board about the importance of the Friday memos.
- Superintendent Girbach informed the Board that the high school scholarship applications and other information had been passed on to the Scholarship Committee.

Assistant Superintendent's Report:

- Assistant Superintendent McMahon informed the board that staff from Paddock Elementary represented MAS at the Michigan Reading Association Annual Conference. Principal DeSarbo, along with teachers Holly Bella, Nicole Gerbens, Mary Kliber, Liz Pinkowski, Stacy Price, Kelly Smith, Clara Thiry, and Instructional Coach Tracy Terris were selected to present three breakout sessions covering three of the Literacy Essentials.

Board Member Comments:

- Board Member Moccio attended the 2019 Summer Literature Conference in Grand Rapids. She stated that the featured speakers shared new and creative ideas. Moccio found the conference exciting and liked that a Milan teacher was showcased.
- Board Member Landingham attended the Internal Review at the Middle School and was very impressed. She thought the presentations were well done. Landingham attended the Honors Band Concert and stated that it was a very good program. She heard positive feedback from concert goers and community members. Landingham also inquired about the timing of the upcoming Fund Balance discussion.
- Board Member Kiger thanked the Board Members for the floral arrangement sent in memory of her Father-in-Law. Kiger attended multiple Internal Reviews and believes that every Board member should attend the reviews to see how staff members support the whole child. She was impressed with the level of attention to detail from staff. Kiger attended a recent Department of Treasury budget training and believed it was a very good and thought provoking training.
- Board Member Cislo attended the Paddock Science Night both as a parent and a volunteer and thought the event was fantastic.
- Board Member Heikka started a discussion regarding sports fees for athletes.

Public Comments: None

Time of Adjournment: 8:07 p.m.