

**MILAN AREA SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
WORKSHOP MEETING
WEDNESDAY, March 20, 2019**

The workshop meeting of the Milan Area Schools Board of Education was called to order by Vice President Heikka at 7:00 p.m. on March 20, 2019.

Board Members Present: Cislo, Kiger, Landingham, Frait, Heikka

Board Members Absent: Moccio, Vershum

Staff Present: Bryan Girbach, Ryan McMahon, Gina Matley

Guests Present: Travis York, Jay McCleary, Chad Chrysler, Sonya Chrysler, Margie Knechtel, Sarah Knechtel, Briley Laurell, Debra Allen, Charles Allen, Dave Bondy, Gary Knechtel, Mike Rea, James Rumsey, Josie Rumsey, Jim, Birchmeier, Brian Ronayne, Jules Markham, Sarah Rea, Emily Raubuch, Jay McCleary, Ryan Gray, Carrie Bergman, Jules Markum, Lauren Chrysler

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comments:

- The following students and parents spoke to the Board regarding JV Softball: Chad Chrysler, Sonya Chrysler, Margie Knechtel, Sarah Knechtel, Briley Laurell, Debra Allen, Charles Allen, Dave Bondy, Gary Knechtel, Mike Rea, James Rumsey, Josie Rumsey, Jim Birchmeier, Brian Ronayne, Jules Markham, Sarah Rea, Emily Raubuch, Jay McCleary, Ryan Gray, Carrie Bergman, Jules Markum, Lauren Chrysler

Motion by Landingham supported by Frait to approve the NEOLA policy updates as presented in Attachments A1 through A9. All Ayes. Carried 5-0

Motion by Cislo supported by Frait to approve the purchase of one 71 passenger bus from Midwest Transit Equipment, Inc. for \$87,968 (as described in attachment B). All Ayes. Carried 5-0

The Board discussed the transition to the MASB Evaluation Tool for the Superintendent. The Board will be working with Jay Bennett, a facilitator from MASB.

Superintendent's Comments:

Students

- Superintendent Girbach attended the MMS Holocaust program on March 15th. Dr. Irene Butler provided an amazing description of her life during the Holocaust. Her success as a U of M economics professor is a testament to her drive and determination to do more than survive.

- Superintendent Girbach attended the high school Musical “Mary Poppins”. The production had a very successful second weekend. The students, parents, directors, and volunteers should be very proud.
- The MHS choir received the top rating of “Excellent” at the District Choral Festival.
- The MMS combined choir received the top rating of “Excellent” at the District Choral Festival.
- Numerous MHS students performed at the State Solo and Ensemble on Saturday, March 16. The following ratings were earned:
 - “Superior” rating and a division I medal were:
 - * Wyatt Thiry and Sam McChesney, baritone saxophone duet
 - * Jacob Davis and Emma Jones, clarinet/bass clarinet duet
 - * Abby Penhallegon, Alayna Oswald, Evan Kolar, and Oscar Haeske, horn quartet
 - * Wyatt Thiry, baritone saxophone solo
 - * MHS Flute Choir: Lia Iverson, Madison Kilbarger, Vanessa Griffin, Elly Russell, Samantha Raasch, Hannah Strimpel, Kaitlin Edwards, Trista McDaniel, Courtney Arms
 - “Excellent” rating and a division II medal were:
 - * Taylor Penhorwood, Ralph Smith, Owen Morrow, Will Ginbey, Miah Pamenan, Devin Glushyn, percussion sextet
 - * Audrey Haeske, trumpet solo

Staff

- Lon Smith (Director of Student Services) lost his Step Father.
- The MHS Internal Review was held on March 18th. 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 Symons Internal Review was held on March 20th. The Building Leadership team did a great job. Mr. McMahon also did a nice job of conducting the day in accordance with AdvancEd methodologies.

General

- The district is currently involved in two property damage insurance claims with SET SEG. They have been finalized. The district will be receiving checks for: \$22,500 for damage caused by a power outage (theater damage) and \$92,421.97 for wind damage (Symons Roof, HS Light Pole, Softball Dugout, Football Scoreboard). All of the repairs are currently being scheduled.

Communication

- The district currently has 867 Twitter followers. That is up 3 from last meeting.
- The district currently has 1,795 Facebook followers. That is up 4 from last meeting.

Budget

- Superintendent Girbach is currently putting together the RFP for the district’s food service provider. The bidding process is required by MDE every 5 years. The process is regulated by MDE and the federal government because of the National School Lunch Program involvement. The RFP is a detailed document that has between 50 and 75 pages of information included. Once the RFP is approved, the steps will include: a required pre-bid meeting, seal bids, bid selection (using a 100 point rubric), MDE approval, and Board approval. This all must occur prior to July 1, 2019.

Assistant Superintendent's Report:

- Assistant Superintendent McMahon shared that the MAS Internal Reviews are complete as of today. He publicly thanked the review team volunteers for sharing their time and energy and also thanked all staff for accommodating the day-long review process in each of the buildings.

Board Member Comments:

- Board Member Frait shared that parents of MHS students thanked her for the opportunity to participate in the Internal Reviews. She also stated that MAS Board Members efforts are much appreciated.
- Board Member Kiger shared feedback from Symons parents who had positive things to say about Symons Elementary during the Internal Review. She also shared that MHS parents had positive feedback and they believe that MHS students have a voice. Kiger shared that Assistant Superintendent McMahon did a fantastic job with the Internal Review process.
- Board Member Landingham expressed an interest in the ability to subscribe to MAS daily announcement on the web page.
- Board Member Heikka shared how the success of the Internal Reviews is indicative of the culture of trust families have in the district.

Public Comments: Travis York, student Board Member, shared with the Board that three groups of students from the MCIS received honorable mention awards for their National C-Span videos.

Time of Adjournment: 10:20 p.m.