

**MILAN AREA SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
WORKSHOP MEETING
WEDNESDAY, March 21, 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 March 21, 2018.

Board Members Present: Heikka, Vershum, Cislo, Kiger

Board Members Absent: Moccio, Peacock, Landingham

Staff Present: Bryan Girbach, Ryan McMahan

Guests Present: Julia Woelmer

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comments: None

Motion by Kiger supported by Cislo to approve the athletic ticket pricing and punch card system as detailed in Attachment A. All Ayes. Carried 4-0

The Board had a question and answer session regarding the Superintendent's Evaluation Evidence.

Motion by Heikka supported by Vershum to table the Superintendent's Contract extension vote until the April 11, 2018 Board Meeting. All Ayes. Carried 4-0

Superintendent's Comments:

Students

- Superintendent Girbach attended the Paddock Literacy Night on Tuesday, March 20th. Over 300 parents and students attended the program. Each student decorated a personal book box and was provided with a free book. Thank you to the Paddock PTO, Staff, parents, and students for making the evening an amazing success.
- Superintendent Girbach attended the MHS Code Red Robotics competition on Saturday, March 17th. The team did a great job and was selected to be part of an alliance in the Quarter Finals. Code Red Robotics ended the event ranked 18th out of 39 teams.
- Superintendent Girbach attended the MHS Musical, "I Love a Piano", on Friday, March 16th. The performance was outstanding. The acting, singing, costumes, sets, and stage tech were all top notch!
- Milan seniors hosted the annual Big Red Talks in the MCIS last week. Superintendent Girbach attended several of the talks. The students did a great job discussing topics that are a true passion in their lives.
- Superintendent Girbach attended 6th Grade Camp on Wednesday, March 21st. The students were having a great time. While the weather was cold, it was dry!

- Both the MHS Chamber Choir and Concert Choir received Excellent ratings (highest possible) at the recent state choral festival. Both groups also received near perfect sight reading scores!
- Senator Warren read to Symons elementary Students on Tuesday, March 20th. The students enjoyed several stories and had time to ask the Senator questions about being a state legislator.
- The Milan High School Flute Choir earned a Michigan Youth Arts Festival Nomination for outstanding chamber ensemble! The group was nominated by their state festival judge and was chosen as one of the best chamber groups who performed at this year's state Solo and Ensemble. This is an amazing honor. This year's flute choir is led by senior Emily Arms. Other flute players include: Lia Iverson, Hannah Sivils, Gabe Penhallegon, Vanessa Griffin, Maddie Kilbarger, Karisa Brockman, Elly Russell, and Autumn Wiles.

Staff

- The district will be distributing the ORS 3% refunds on Friday, March 23rd. Current employees can view their refund details in eSuite and will receive the funds by direct deposit. Former employees will be receiving their refunds via check.

General

- The MHS graduation rate increased from 88% in 2016 to 92.1% in 2017.
- Our March 2018 Pupil Count preliminary numbers are 2,165. That is down 13 from our October 2017 count of 2,178. MAS usually experiences a slight drop from October to March.
- No School REMINDERS: Spring Break is March 26th through April 2nd.

Communication

- The district currently has 664 Twitter followers. That is up 2 from last meeting.
- The district currently has 1,474 Facebook followers. That is up 4 from last meeting.

Board

- Superintendent Girbach and several Board members will be attending a presentation by Nell Duke, a renowned child literacy researcher and author. The presentation will be held at the WISD on Thursday, March 22nd.
- MASB Board Member Recognitions
 - * Rita Vershum Master Diamond Award
 - * Andrew Cislo – Level One Certification and Award of Merit
 - * Jan Kiger – Master Platinum Award
 - * Kerri Moccio – Award of Distinction

Assistant Superintendent's Report:

- Assistant Superintendent McMahon reported that he attended a workshop provided by the MDE on Student Growth Data. The day was very productive and will help inform the upcoming District Evaluation Committee meeting and planning work this summer to bring our evaluation procedures up compliance with new changes in the law.

- Assistant Superintendent McMahon reported that the guests from Ypsilanti Schools that visited Paddock last Thursday shared that they had a very positive experience and were impressed by the coordination of our instruction amongst all the classrooms they were able to visit.
- Assistant Superintendent McMahon shared that he participated in the on-site review portion of the Title III audit by MDE yesterday. The next step will be a direct conversation to discuss required actions and comments specific to our district.

Board Member Comments:

- Board Member Heikka shared with the Board that the Boy's Swim Team finished 14th at the D3 State Championships to cap a great year. At the State meet the team was represented by 11 boys, which comprised half of our total team on the year. Heikka also spoke about the upcoming Middle School State Meets.
- Board Member Cislo attended the Big Red Talks and was impressed by a job well done.
- Board Member Cislo relayed a message from Board Member Moccio which congratulated the 7th Grade Teacher Team from Milan Middle School for being recognized as the MAMSE (Michigan Association of Middle School Educators) Team of the Year Runner Up. Moccio also thanked everyone for being responsive to the Symons water leak.

Public Comments: Student Board Member Woelmer addressed the Board regarding some observations of the high school facility.

Time of Adjournment: 8:13 p.m.