

**MILAN AREA SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, April 10, 2019**

The regular meeting of the Milan Area Schools Board of Education was called to order by President Vershum at 6:30 p.m. on April 10, 2019.

Board Members Present: Vershum, Landingham, Frait, Heikka, Cislo (present remotely)

Board Members Absent: Moccio, Kiger

Staff Present: Bryan Girbach, Ryan McMahon, Krista Hendrix, Lon Smith

Guests Present: Rob Dietzel, Jay Bennett, Roxanne Kiger, Travis York

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion by Heikka supported by Landingham to approve the consent agenda, which includes: the minutes of the regular meeting of March 13, 2019, the minutes of the workshop meeting of March 20, 2019, and the payment of bills/reimbursement of expenses. All Ayes. Carried 5-0

The Board heard a First Reading of the 2018-2019 April Budget Amendment as included in Attachment A.

Motion by Heikka supported by Frait to appoint Attorney Robert Dietzel of the Thrun Law Firm, P.C. to serve as the Board's Hearing Officer for the student discipline hearing. All Ayes. Carried 5-0

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 2018-2019-2. All Ayes. Carried 5-0

Time entered closed session 7:21 p.m.

Motion by Heikka supported by Frait to return to open session. All Ayes. Carried 5-0

Time returned to open session 8:37 p.m.

Motion by Heikka supported by Frait to expel student 2018-2019-2 in accordance with the attached resolution. All Ayes. Carried 5-0

Motion by Landingham supported by Frait to extend the Superintendent's contract by one year through June 30, 2024. All Ayes. Carried 5-0

The Board discussed the Superintendent's Evaluation Tool. The conversation was facilitated by Jay Bennett from MASB.

Lon Smith, Director of Special Services, provided a Special Education Presentation to the Board.

Superintendent's Comments:

Students

- Superintendent Girbach shared copies of the newspaper article about Milan High School top Graduates. The top ten 2019 graduates are: Sophia Morelock, Travis York, Taylor Penhorwood, Cassidy Jenkins, Abigail Penhallegon, Jick Acupan, Sophie Moccio, Mitchel Semeyn, Emily Monroe, and Lia Iverson. Congratulations to these top graduates and the entire graduating class of 2019.

General

- The WISD is planning a county wide millage for construction costs (renovations and new construction) at High Point. The millage would raise approximately \$45,000,000 million for construction costs. The building currently needs at least \$10,000,000 in mechanical upgrades alone. In addition, the facility itself is in need of major renovations in order to continue to meet the needs of the students. The Superintendent's Association discussed the millage and it was shared at a recent WASB meeting. The WISD does not have the ability to pass a bond proposal; instead, this is their mechanism to fund construction. The only other possible funding source is to use funds from Act 18...and doing so would directly affect each district's annual reimbursement for many years. The millage vote is planned for the August 6, 2019 ballot. The WISD anticipates requesting less than .5 of a mill for between 7 and 10 years. They are currently finalizing the FAQ document.
- Superintendent Girbach is finalizing the 2019-2020 advertising campaign. It will include a post card mailings and a year-long advertising banner at High Velocity Sports. This year's mailing will be expanded to include districts south of Milan Area Schools.

Communication

- The district currently has 871 Twitter followers. That is up 4 from last meeting.
- The district currently has 1,801 Facebook followers. That is up 6 from last meeting.

Budget

- Superintendent Girbach completed the preparation of the required Food Service Request for Proposal (RFP). The documents have been sent to MDE for final approval. The required Pre-Bid Meeting will be held on May 2, 2019 at 8:00 AM.
- Superintendent Girbach is happy to report that the accounting concerns between Milan Area Schools and London Township have been resolved.

Goal Work

- The newly formed Literacy Leadership Team has been meeting regularly this year. The Team includes Bryan Girbach, Ryan McMahan, Sean DeSarbo, Angela Bigham, Tonya Saragoza, and Tracy Terris. The meeting have centered around all things literacy (coaching, intervention, materials, staff PD, etc.) The meetings have been very valuable and the Team feels that the communication and accomplishments of the group support the continuation of the Team.

Legislative

- Jan, Kirsten, and I attended the WISD Legislative Coffee on Monday, April 1st. Several topics were discussed. Here are my bulleted understandings:
 - The budget is going to be a battle (a lot of change is proposed by the Governor).
 - The budget is going to be late (we will not have it in time for our budget).
 - Snow Day legislation is being looked at, but is not a priority.
 - Evaluation language (back to 25% data) is being discussed, but is not a priority.Jan and Kirsten can provide additional opinions during Board Member comments tomorrow.

Board

- The FCI Graduation is now on the calendar. Those wishing to attend should request an NCIC Form from Mr. Girbach. An updated form is required for entrance into the FCI facility.

Assistant Superintendent's Comments:

- Assistant Superintendent McMahon shared that a group of elementary coaches, interventionists, and teachers from Ann Arbor came to visit Paddock Elementary this morning to view the Foundations curriculum. They are purchasing the curriculum and wanted to plan implementation based on our experiences..
- Assistant Superintendent McMahon provided an update on the science curriculum pilot. The pilot committee will be meeting next Monday to begin the culminating conference leading towards a conclusion of the pilot program.
- Assistant Superintendent McMahon shared a recap of the District Improvement Team meeting that occurred earlier today. The team revisited the internal review process to plan and improve the program for next year. The team also initiated the Comprehensive Needs Analysis documentation process, which will be submitted by the next District improvement meeting on May 6.

Public Comments: None

Board Member Comments:

- Board Member Vershum shared that she, Board Member Heikka, Superintendent Girbach, and David Kaiser (Athletic Director) met with softball parents. Vershum commended David Kaiser on his handling of this situation and appreciates the Board's feedback.
- Board Member Heikka stated she would like to receive presentations to the Board a bit sooner or suspend discussion on the presentations until the next meeting.

Time of Adjournment: 12:39 a.m.