

**MILAN AREA SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, April 11, 2018**

The regular meeting of the Milan Area Schools Board of Education was called to order by President Vershum at 7:00 p.m. on April 11, 2018.

Board Members Present: Moccio, Cislo, Kiger, Landingham, Peacock, Heikka, Vershum

Board Members Absent: None

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

Guests Present: Kirsten Frait, Steve Frait, Lyn Semyen

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comments: None

Motion by Landingham supported by Moccio to approve the consent agenda, which includes: the minutes of the regular meeting of March 14, 2018, the minutes of the workshop meeting of March 21, 2018 (as amended), and the payment of bills/reimbursement of expenses. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

The Board received a First Reading of the 2017-2018 April Budget Amendment – Attachment A

Motion by Cislo supported by Peacock to approve the purchase of two 71 passenger buses from Midwest Transit Equipment, Inc. for \$169,304 (as described in attachment B). All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Motion by Moccio supported by Peacock to extend the Superintendent's contract by one year through June 30, 2023. The motion passed with 6 Ayes and 1 abstention. Board Member Heikka abstained due to a conflict of interest.

The Board worked on updating the District/Superintendent Priorities for the 2018-2019 school year.

Superintendent's Comments:

Students

- Superintendent Girbach attended the Saturday, April 7th, Milan Middle School performance of Music Man Jr. The students did an amazing job. Thank you to the students, parents, and staff for supporting such a wonderful performance.

Staff

- Gina Matley, the district Technology Director, just received her Michigan School Business Officials (MSBO) Chief Technology Officer Certification renewal. Congratulations to Mrs. Matley on completing the required coursework.
- Julie Franks, a Paddock Teacher, recently had a baby girl. Mom and Natalie Lucille Franks are doing well.

Goal Work

- Superintendent Girbach attended a Milan21 meeting on April 5th. The Milan21 Team had great discussions about the “role out” of the P21 standards and the next steps for Milan21 in the 2018-2019 school year. The Team will meet again on April 19th to develop a presentation detailing year 3 of the Milan21 initiative.
- Superintendent Girbach attended the MMS 6th Grade Parent Orientation. The current 5th grade parents were introduced to the middle school, the course selection process, and the middle school grading procedures. The parents were also able to meet all of the sixth grade teachers who spent time talking to the parents about their specific classes.
- On April 11th, Superintendent Girbach attended Paddock’s Literacy professional development. Tracy Terris, the Paddock Coach, was leading conversations about Literacy essential 1, “Motivation and Engagement”.

General

- On March 28th, during Spring Break, Superintendent Girbach led the entire Milan Police Department on walking tours of all of the school buildings. Girbach and Chief Tillery wanted to make sure that the officers knew the building layouts. The group reviewed several design factors of each building that will help the officers during an emergency response.
- Over Spring Break, two additional Door Access Systems were installed. The systems are being used by the Before-and-After-School Child Care Program at Symons and the Pre-School program at Paddock. The new AI Phones allow for improved safety during the drop-off times for these individualized programs and their entrances.

Communication

- The district currently has 672 Twitter followers. That is up 8 from last meeting.
- The district currently has 1,478 Facebook followers. That is up 4 from last meeting.

Board

- Superintendent Girbach discussed the use of the Internal Review Building Presentations as the End-of-Year presentations for the Board of Education.
- On March 22nd, Superintendent Girbach and Board Member Moccio attended the Nell Duke presentation at the WISD. Girbach and Moccio enjoyed hearing about Michigan literacy instruction from a renowned child literacy researcher and author.
- On May 21st, at 7:30 AM, four Milan School Board Members will be recognized for earning Michigan Association of School Board (MASB) recognitions. The following Board members will be recognized:
 - * 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 Comments:

- Assistant Superintendent McMahon shared a reminder about the upcoming Internal Reviews - Paddock will be on April 25, MHS on April 26, Symons on May 2, and MMS on May 7. Board members are invited to participate and they may get registered by emailing Mr. McMahon their availability.
- Assistant Superintendent McMahon shared that state testing is underway in our buildings and the sessions are going well so far.
- Assistant Superintendent McMahon reported that the new regulations set forth by MDE for 31a programming have created opportunities to share funds to building-wide programs. The MDE approved partial funding for our new Word Study program Foundations along with purchases to stock Paddock's Literacy Lab and Classroom libraries.

Board Member Comments:

- Board Member Moccio spoke about the Nell Duke presentation at the Washtenaw Intermediate School District. She stated that it was a great presentation with good information. Moccio reminded the Board Members about the WISD Budget Review meeting coming up on April 26 at 6:00 p.m. Moccio shared a personal story of a friend who is looking for a High School for her daughter in the fall and decided to attend Milan's Freshman Orientation. Her friend was very impressed and attained a positive feeling about Milan Area Schools.
- Board Member Landingham attended 6th Grade Outdoor Education Camp and gave kudos to a job well done by all teachers and paraprofessional staff. She expressed that all staff go above and beyond to help each student receive an unforgettable experience.

Public Comments: Kirsten Frait of 12661 Petersburg Rd, Milan, MI 48160 addressed the Board regarding policies for naming specific district facilities in honor of people.

Time of Adjournment: 8:07 p.m.