

**MILAN AREA SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
WORKSHOP MEETING
WEDNESDAY, April 24, 2019**

The workshop meeting of the Milan Area Schools Board of Education was called to order by President Vershum at 7:00 p.m. on April 24, 2019.

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

Board Members Absent: None

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

Guests Present: Travis York, Jeff Fellhauer, Lisa Fellhauer

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comments: None

Lon Smith, Director of Special Services, provided a Special Education Presentation to the Board. Topics included: the ECSE program, a new Young Adult Program, and the possibility of hiring an Assistant Director of Student Services.

Motion by Heikka supported by Landingham to approve the 2018-2019 April Budget Amendment as provided in Attachment A. All Ayes 7-0

Washtenaw ISD Bond Proposal not considered due to lack of a motion.

Motion by Moccio supported by Landingham to declare the following decision of the Board of Education regarding the naming of school facilities. All Ayes 7-0

While Board Policy 7250 states, "From time-to-time, the Board of Education may wish to commemorate a school or District Facility (gymnasium, swimming pool, athletic field, etc.) by means of a plaque, naming the facility after a person...", the Board of Education has decided that they will not continue the practice of naming facilities after individuals. This decision was reached after researching and discussing the pro's and con's of the practice.

The Board discussed plans for a District Dashboard. A committee will be working on the specifics for the dashboard.

Superintendent's Comments:

Students

- Superintended Girbach attended the Milan Middle School production of Peter Pan Jr. The performance was amazing. Mr. Girbach thanked the cast, crew, and volunteers for their dedication to the play.

- Code Red Robotics will be competing at Worlds on Wednesday (4-24-19) through Saturday (4-27-19). Superintendent Girbach congratulated the team on their performance up to this point and wished them well at Worlds!

Staff

- Superintendent Girbach extended a heartfelt thank you to Anne Foor for her dedication to Milan Area Schools. Mrs. Foor's hard work is always appreciated and is definitely recognized on Administrative Professional's Day.
- Kelly Dillman (Symons TC) had a Baby Girl Freya ("Fray-uh") Eve Dillman.
- Krissy Collier (MS AP) resigned effective May 3, 2019.
- Superintendent Girbach discussed the Milan Middle School Assistant Principal hiring process.
- Lindsey Pesonen (MS TC) resigned effective at the end of her 2018-2019 maternity leave.
- The 2nd Cohort of Diversity Team members attended their third session of the Justice Leaders training at the WISD. Superintendent Girbach has been meeting with the group prior to each of their WISD training sessions.
- The district is proud to announce that Dr. Ernest Morrell will be presenting and working with the staff on their August 29, 2019 professional development day. In preparation for the PD day, teachers will be involved in a summer book study. The books being used for the reflective study are:
Every Child a Super Reader - Elementary
Critical Media Pedagogy: Teaching for Achievement in City Schools - Secondary
Both titles include concepts of diversity, equity, 21st century skills, and inclusive instruction.

Communication

- The district currently has 876 Twitter followers. That is up 5 from last meeting.
- The district currently has 1,803 Facebook followers. That is up 2 from last meeting.

Budget

- The Food Service Request for Proposal (RFP) was released on April 24, 2019. All of the documents can be found on the district website.

Board

- The Superintendent's Evaluation cycle will conclude with the following actions:
 - * Self Evaluation completed and delivered to the Board on May 15, 2019.
 - * Jay Bennett from MASB facilitated evaluation completed on May 29, 2019.

Assistant Superintendent's Comments:

- Assistant Superintendent McMahon shared an update on the Title III audit. Our Compliance Plan has been submitted and we are awaiting approval to get into the evidence submission stage. We will be meeting with an ISD partner this Friday to begin planning next steps.
- Assistant Superintendent McMahon shared an update on the Science Pilot project. The committee is excited to be moving forward on final steps of preparing a formal recommendation to the Board of Education at the regular meeting on May 15.
- Assistant Superintendent McMahon shared that two students at MHS, Keara Thacker and Olivia Bodziak, attending the Rotary Youth Leadership Camp on April 12-14. The camp

is designed to provide leadership development for local youth and the students were sponsored by the Milan Rotary Club.

- Assistant Superintendent McMahon shared that Paddock Elementary has been invited to participate in a case study to provide data for an upcoming book project being authored by Dr. Tanya Wright, MSU Professor and a leading advocate for early literacy and vocabulary development in Michigan.

Board Member Comments:

- Board Member Vershum stated the Scholarship Committee interviews went great. Vershum stated Milan has some very bright students.
- Board Member Cislo agreed with Board Member Vershum regarding the Scholarship Committee interviews. Cislo also thanked Kim Goffee for her dedication to the scholarship process.
- Board Member Landingham invited the Board to attend the 20 Time Project to be held at Milan Middle School on May 8, 2019. The project will provide MMS students with stress reducing techniques.
- Board Member Heikka stressed her concerns about the WISD Bond Resolution. She would like to see the consolidation of WISD millage requests in the future. Heikka also stated her feelings about having to decide between a Bond Proposal or the loss of Act 18 funds.

Public Comments: Jeff and Lisa Fellhauer, of 10702 N Platt Road, addressed the Board regarding their concerns about the new Young Adult Program.

Time of Adjournment: 9:56p.m.