

**MILAN AREA SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
WORKSHOP MEETING
WEDNESDAY, April 25, 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 April 25, 2018.

Board Members Present: Moccio, Cislo, Landingham, Heikka, Vershum, Peacock (7:02)

Board Members Absent: Kiger

Staff Present: Bryan Girbach, Ryan McMahon, Krista Hendrix, Matt Bell, Gina Matley

Guests Present: Julia Woelmer

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comments: None

Motion by Cislo supported by Heikka to approve the 2017-2018 April Budget Amendment as provided in Attachment A. All Ayes. Carried 5-0

Motion by Moccio supported by Heikka to approve the Substitute Pay Rates as presented in attachment B. All Ayes. Carried 6-0

Matt Bell and Gina Matley presented a First Reading of the Technology Cost Analysis and Implementation Plan – Attachments C1 and C2

The Board discussed the Focus Statements and District/Superintendent Priorities.

Superintendent's Comments:

Students

- The Milan Chapter of Girls on the Run will have their mock 5K on Thursday, April 26th at 4:00 PM. Everyone is welcome to cheer the girls on along the route. The girls will leave Symons at 4:00 PM and will run the “Platt, Redman, Wabash, Main” square. Water will be provided at the Milan Fire Station.
- The Milan FFA Chapter asked Mr. Girbach to present the Board with a Citation of Appreciation.
- Several High School band and choir students had amazing performances at the “Love of Music” Concert on April 18th.
- The Paddock Music Concert on April 19th was a huge success. The students did a great job displaying their musical talents.
- Eight students from the Milan Adult Education program participated in a Manufacturing Boot Camp hosted by Monroe County Community College, Michigan Works, and the adult education providers in the county. The students got to learn about welding, robotics, CAD, electronics, soft skills and more. The participants attended

every Friday night and all day Saturday for several weeks at Monroe County Community College. Eight of the nineteen graduates were from Milan Area Schools.

- Superintendent Girbach attended the Grand Event at Paddock. What a wonderful evening for families to spend time together and see their students' academic and artistic accomplishments.

Staff

- Teresa Stokes, our 8th grade Science Teacher, resigned effective Friday, May 11. We are working diligently to find a suitable substitute for the remainder of the year. We will post to permanently fill this position as soon as possible.
- Cheryl Mayher, our Transportation Director, announced her retirement effective July 1, 2018. We will be posting this position soon.

Goal Work

- The Milan21 Team met on April 19th. The team will be presenting to the Board on May 30th. The presentation will include a summary of this year's work and the plan for next year's P21 work.
- Paddock had an outstanding Internal Review today. Me. McMahon will share more details.

General

- Superintendent Girbach conducted a survey of the New Teachers who attended the three sessions "New Teacher Orientation Program" this year. The feedback was very positive. The feedback will help shape next year's program.
- Milan Area Schools is in the process of renting a room at Milan Middle School to the WISD for use as a Cognitively Impaired classroom. The program would be moving to us from a school in Ann Arbor that no longer can accommodate the program. The WISD provides all staffing and services. It truly is a simple room rental agreement that will generate some revenue for the district.

Communication

- The district currently has 673 Twitter followers. That is up 1 from last meeting.
- The district currently has 1,478 Facebook followers. That is up 0 from last meeting.

Board

- Superintendent Girbach met with Mr. Elder, a candidate in the November Board Election. Mr. Girbach
- In Mrs. Kiger's absence, Superintendent Girbach shared Mrs. Kiger's positive comments about the Paddock Internal review that took place on April 25th.

Assistant Superintendent's Report:

- Assistant Superintendent McMahon reported that the Spring Assessments are moving along as planned. The high school, 5th grade and 8th grade are complete with the M-STEP, with 3rd, 4th, 6th, and 7th grades getting started next week. For the Spring NWEA, 5th grade and 8th grade have started and Paddock and the remaining grades at the middle school and Symons will be getting started next week,

- Assistant Superintendent McMahon shared that the first building internal review was held today at Paddock. The presentation, observations, and feedback yielded positive responses and the new ELEOT tool for classroom observations worked well. McMahon stated he is looking forward to spending time in the remaining three buildings over the next two weeks.

Board Member Comments:

- Board Member Peacock reminded the Board that the Monroe County Foundation Grants are still available.
- Board Member Heikka attended the Grand Event and commented on a job well done and a special thank you to all the volunteers who helped with the set up. Heikka also attended the Paddock Spring Concert and thanked Mrs. Nichols for her amazing work. She also thanked all the staff members who took time out of their evening to attend.
- Board Member Moccio spoke about the Edna Meads Scholarship interviews and thanked Mr. Leacher and Ms. Smith for helping out.
- Board Member Vershum spoke about meeting with Jill Tewsley to talk about the plans for the Big Reds to attend the Milan 3rd Thursday event in September.

Public Comments: None

Time of Adjournment: 8:40 p.m.