

**MILAN AREA SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
WORKSHOP MEETING
WEDNESDAY, April 29, 2020**

The workshop meeting (held virtually using Zoom) of the Milan Area Schools Board of Education was called to order by President Vershum at 7:00 p.m. on April 29, 2020.

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

Board Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Bryan Girbach, Ryan McMahon, Lon Smith, Chris Gill, Krista Hendrix, Aaron Shinn, Jennifer Barker

Guests Present: Rob Dietzel, Student 2019-2020-8, Parents of Student 2019-2020-8

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion by Moccio supported by Landingham to approve the 2019-2020 April Budget Amendment as provided in Attachment A1. Carried 4-3 (No votes by Frait, Heikka and Vershum)

The Board held a COVID-19 School Closure Update and Discussion

The Board discussed the Edna Mead Scholarship as included in Attachment B

Superintendent's Comments:

Communication

- The district currently has 1,009 Twitter followers. That is up 0 from the last meeting.
- The district currently has 2,094 Facebook followers. That is up 6 from the last meeting.

Budget

- Milan Area Schools will receive approximately \$117,000 in CARES Act money from the Federal Government. The timing of the funding and the allowable expenditures for the funds are still not clearly defined.
- Now that the April budget amendment has been approved, Ms. Hendrix and Superintendent Girbach will begin a final budget revision that includes the effects of the COVID-19 closure.
- The current School Aid Fund (SAF) projections demonstrate the need for a \$1,000 per pupil cut for the 2020-2021 school year. For Milan, that would mean a loss of approximately \$2.1 million. Even at a loss of \$500 per pupil, Milan would need to overcome a loss of over \$1 million dollars.
- On April 23rd, Superintendent Girbach attended the WISD Budget informational meeting. The Milan Area Schools Board will have a first reading of the WISD budget

at the May Regular meeting. The Board will then vote on the WISD budget at the May Workshop meeting.

General

- Superintendent Girbach provided an update regarding the district’s responsiveness to COVID-19.
 - District Continuation of Learning Plan – Paper and Virtual Going Well
 - Estimates and Similar to Other Districts

	Paddock	Symons	MMS	MHS
Student Contact/Connecting %	96%	90-95%	90%	90%
Student Engagement/Work Completion %	75-80%	75%	30-40%	30-40%

- Device Distribution
 - Online Help Desk
 - Weekly Device Distribution/Swap on Tuesday
- Food Distribution
 - Averaging Approximately 400 Students Picking Up Food (85-88% of Orders)
 - 4-8 Students Each Week Who are NOT on the List
- Learning Packet Distribution
 - Young 5 – 8th Grade – Through Survey
 - 9-12 Contact with Principal or TC
- Elementary Workbook Mailing
 - Waiting for Postal Service to Complete
- Senior Class Yard Signs – Distributed
- Graduation
 - June 7, July 12, Aug 2
 - Virtual Plans Underway
- Senior Night
 - Virtual Plans Underway
- Beginning Contingency Plans for 2020-2021 School Year
 - Will Students Return
 - Staffing Requirements
 - Budget Difficulties

Assistant Superintendent’s Comments:

- Assistant Superintendent McMahon shared that he and Finance Director Krista Hendrix are working on exploring options and reviewing grant budgets for potential revisions to provide support in our current adjusted format due to the closure.

Public Comments: None

Board Member Comments:

Board Member Vershum voiced her concerns about the Football Lights activity and the opening of the FFA Greenhouse.

Board Member Heikka voiced her concerns about the opening of the FFA Greenhouse. Heikka also explained her reasoning behind her no vote on the Budget Amendment. Heikka then asked that COVID-19 updates be a standing agenda item.

Board Member Landingham recommended to the Board a MASB session with State Representatives from the Budget Office.

Board Member Cislo recognized the passing of Milan Community Member Don Harkness who was a great Milan Area School supporter.

Board Member Frait inquired about plans for the FCI graduation. Frait also mentioned that the Senior Yard Signs were a huge success. Frait also thanked Robert Hull (Athletic Director) for his postings on Facebook regarding Senior Athletes.

Student Board Member Comments: None

Motion by Heikka supported by Landingham 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 7-0

Motion by Moccio supported by Cislo 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 2019-2020-8. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Time entered closed session 7:43 p.m.

Time returned to open session 9:25 p.m.

Motion by Cislo supported by Landingham to expel student 2019-2020-8 in accordance with the attached resolution. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Time of Adjournment: 9:33 p.m.