

**MILAN AREA SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, May 15, 2019**

The regular meeting of the Milan Area Schools Board of Education was called to order by President Vershum at 7:00 p.m. on May 15, 2019.

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

**Board Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Bryan Girbach, Ryan McMahon, Anne Foor, Shanna Spickard, Kim Jasper, Kim Rock, Pam Smaby, Denise Rednour, Laura Perry, Emily Leach, Eric Romans, Molly Jeppesen, Julie Belhaj, Christin Cifaldi, Sara Burden, Jennifer Smith

**Guests Present:** Travis York

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Motion by Moccio supported by Frait to thank the teaching staff of Milan Area Schools as recorded in Attachment A. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Shanna Spickard, Kim Jasper, Kim Rock, Pam Smaby, Denise Rednour, Laura Perry, Emily Leach, and Eric Romans (from Milan Middle School) presented the 2018-2019 MMS Internal Review and School Improvement Plan as included in Attachment B.

**Public Comments:** None

Motion by Landingham supported by Moccio to approve the consent agenda, which includes: the minutes of the regular meeting of April 10, 2019, the minutes of the workshop meeting of April 24, 2019, the payment of bills/reimbursement of expenses, the announcement of the 2019-2020 Budget and Truth-in-Taxation Hearing as outlined in Attachment C, the 2019-2020 Schools-of-Choice Resolution as outlined in Attachment D, and the FCI Graduates as outlined in Attachment E. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Assistant Superintendent McMahon and the Science Committee (consisting of Molly Jeppesen, Julie Belhaj, Christin Cifaldi, Sara Burden, Jenny Smith, and Emily Leach) presented the First Reading of the committee's recommendation for a K-8 Science Curriculum purchase (as detailed in Attachment F)

The Board heard the First Reading of the 2019-2020 WISD Budget Resolution as in Attachments G1, G2, G3, and G4

Motion by Heikka supported by Landingham to approve the "Resolution to Consider Designation of Electoral Representative for the June 3, 2019 WISD Biennial Election" as outlined in Attachment H. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Motion by Heikka supported by Frait to appoint the following person to the administrative position listed and Base Salary listed effective immediately.

\* Kimberly Jasper – Milan Middle School Assistant Principal (\$80,000)

All Ayes. Carried 7-0

The Board heard the First Reading of the Superintendent's Self Evaluation as provided in Attachment J

### **Superintendent's Comments:**

#### **Students**

- Prom was a huge success. The students had a great time, the venue was very nice, and the evening was void of any major issues. Thank you to the staff, students, and volunteers who made the event a wonderful experience for our students.
- The Symons' Girls on the Run program had a successful Mock 5K in Milan. The Symons' Team and the MMS Heart and Sole Team traveled to Rolling Hills for the regional Girls on the Run event. Congratulations to all of our runners!
- Superintendent Girbach attended the Symons Elementary Art Show. The work completed by the third through fifth graders was fun and impressive. Thank you Mrs. Unger for organizing a wonderful event that allowed the students to showcase their masterpieces!
- Superintendent Girbach attended the District Band Concert on Tuesday (5-14-19). The students and director truly out did themselves again this year. The music was superb!

#### **Staff**

- All four buildings had outstanding professional development on Wednesday (5-8-19). Assistant Superintendent McMahon and Superintendent Girbach visited each building during their PD sessions. Great work was being accomplished across the district!

#### **General**

- U.S. News & World Report's High School Rankings are out. Milan High School is ranked 108 out of 650 in Michigan (83 percentile) and 2,889 out of 17,245 in the US (83 percentile). Congratulations to the staff and administration of MHS!
- The last day of school will be determined once MDE allows the district to complete a waiver request to receive forgiveness for the "State of Emergency" days called by the Governor. At this time, there are two options being considered: Option I: We end on Thursday, June 13th with a half day (as originally scheduled). Option II: We end on Friday, June 14th with a half day. Thursday, June 13th would be a full day of school. Option II will be required unless the Milan is granted the waiver.

#### **Communication**

- The district currently has 876 Twitter followers. That is up 0 from last meeting.
- The district currently has 1,872 Facebook followers. That is up 69 from last meeting.

#### **Budget**

- The Washtenaw Intermediate School District (WISD) Board voted on Tuesday (5-7-19) to place a millage on the ballot in August. The millage will be used for renovations and

new construction at the High Point facility. The WISD will be seeking .37 mills for up to 10 years. Below is a chart of the financial impact on homeowners.

Market Value	Taxable Value	Monthly Cost	Annual Cost
\$100,000	\$50,000	\$1.54	\$18.50
\$150,000	\$75,000	\$2.31	\$27.75
\$200,000	\$100,000	\$3.08	\$37
\$300,000	\$150,000	\$4.63	\$55.50

- The food service bid process is moving forward. We have distributed the documents, held our meeting, and look forward to receiving bids on May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### Legislative

- We are still waiting for the House’s Education Budget. The Governor and Senate have both published their budgets. The current information is that the May Revenue Consensus Conference is not going to share positive revenue numbers for the state. It is believed that the House Fiscal Agency knows this; and therefore, they are delaying their budget. Districts are currently being told to budget “Flat Funding” for our State Aid for 2019-2020.

### Board

- Superintendent Girbach’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.
- Superintendent Girbach reminded the Board to review the Board calendar. The months of May and June are full of district and building events.
- On May 20<sup>th</sup>, Board Member Kerri Moccio will be receiving the following recognitions from MASB: Master Board Member Award, Advocacy Skills Specialty, and Data Specialty. The awards will be presented following the WISD Legislative Breakfast.

### **Assistant Superintendent’s Comments:**

- Assistant Superintendent McMahon shared that the District Improvement Team met last week. The team finalized the District improvement Plan and coordinated an informational gathering workshop for the Consolidated Application, both of which are due June 30.
- Assistant Superintendent McMahon took a moment to publicly acknowledge and thank the teachers on the science curriculum pilot committee; Julie Belhaj, Sara Burden, Christin Cifaldi, Molly Jeppesen, Emily Leach, and Jennifer Smith. These teachers went above and beyond to help navigate and conduct the pilot program and their flexibility and dedication is greatly appreciated.

### **Board Member Comments:**

- Board Member Vershum addressed the Board on the attire for the upcoming graduation ceremony. Vershum stated that she had a final meeting with the softball parents and that all went well. Board Member Vershum spoke to the Board regarding Dashboard ideas and also informed the Board that the Logo/Mascot committee will meet to bring ideas and artwork to the Board at a future date.

- Board Member Moccio shared with the Board that MHS Girls Track and Field qualified for States and will be competing in Zeeland on May 24, 2019. Moccio also shared that she toured the High Point School located at the WISD and that it is in desperate need of repair.
- Board Member Frait thanked Milan Middle School for their well-done presentation. Frait also mentioned to the Board the idea of recognizing all types of student achievement at future board meetings.
- Board Member Landingham proposed the idea of starting Big Red Talks at the middle school level.
- Board Member Heikka asked that Middle School students be recognized at future Board meetings.

**Public Comments:** Travis York, student Board Member invited the Board to the Senior Symposium Night and Senior Class Honors night taking place on Wednesday, May 22, 2019.

**Time of Adjournment:** 7:34 p.m.