

**MILAN AREA SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
WORKSHOP MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, May 29, 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 May 29, 2019.

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

**Board Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Bryan Girbach, Ryan McMahon, Krista Hendrix, Aaron Shinn, Chris Gill, Kristina Mahaney, McKenzie Chappell

**Guests Present:** Travis York, Jay Bennett

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Aaron Shinn, Chris Gill, Kristina Mahaney, and McKenzie Chappell (from Milan High School) presented the 2018-2019 MMS Internal Review and School Improvement Plan as included in Attachment A.

**Public Comments:** None

Motion by Moccio supported by Heikka to approve the purchase and implementation of the K-8 Science Curriculum as outlined in Attachments B1 and B2. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

The Board heard the First Reading of the 2018-2019 General Fund Budget Amendment as included in Attachment C

The Board heard the First Reading of the 2018-2019 Debt Funds Budget Amendment as included in Attachments D

The Board heard the First Reading of the 2018-2019 Food Service Budget Amendment as included in Attachment E

The Board heard the First Reading of the 2019-2020 General Fund Preliminary Budget as included in Attachments F

The Board heard the First Reading of the 2019-2020 Debt Funds Preliminary Budget as included in Attachments G

The Board heard the First Reading of the 2019-2020 Food Service Preliminary Budget as included in Attachment H

The Board heard the First Reading of the 2019-2020 Student/School Activity Funds Preliminary Budget as included in Attachment I

The Board discussed the Debt Fund Millage Rate as described in Attachment J

Motion by Heikka supported by Frait to adopt the Resolution in support of the 2019-2020 WISD Budget as included in Attachment K4. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Motion by Heikka supported by Cisko to approve the WISD Biennial Election Resolution as included in Attachment L. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Motion by Cisko supported by Heikka to enter into closed session pursuant to Section 8(a) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act, and upon the request of the employee, for the purpose of conducting a periodic personnel evaluation. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Time entered closed session 9:04 p.m.

Motion by Cisko supported by Moccio to return to open session. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Time returned to open session 9:59 p.m.

Mr. Jay Bennett from MASB facilitated a Board discussion on the Superintendent's evaluation. Mr. Bennett led the Board in a discussion which led to a consensus on a score for the Superintendent's evaluation rating.

Motion by Cisko supported by Moccio to rate Superintendent Bryan Girbach as effective for the 2018-2019 school year. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

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

#### **Students**

- The MCIS Senior Symposium was held on Wednesday (5-22-19). The ARC projects and internships presented by the senior class were amazing. The students all had successful encounters during their internships or while completing their final projects. The passion of the students was wonderful to experience as they talked about their experiences. Senior Honors Night was also a huge success. Numerous students received Departmental Awards, Scholarships, Extra-Curricular Recognition, and Athletic Awards. What a great way to end the year!
- Kerri Mink and her staff planned a wonderful graduation ceremony for the FCI graduates on Monday (5-20-19). It was nice to see family members there to support their graduates. The gentlemen were very thankful and appreciative of the Board's ongoing support of the program.
- The Adult Education graduation ceremony held on Thursday (5-23-19) was very nice. Connie Cox and her staff did a wonderful job of planning and hosting an enjoyable evening. The graduates were all so proud of their accomplishments; as were the parents, family, and friends who attended the event.
- The District Choir Concert on Monday (5-20-19) was wonderful. The students and director truly out did themselves again this year. The music was superb!

- The Milan Middle School Art Jam and Poetry Slam held on Thursday (5-28-19) was amazing. Congratulations to all the participants. Thank you to all of the staff who helped plan and coordinate the event. The animal art projects were awesome and the poems were outstanding.

### **General**

- MDE has released the “retention cut score” or “more than 1 year behind score” that will be used for the Read by Grade Three law for the 2019-2020 school year. MAS immediately applied that cut score to our current third graders as a litmus test, even though the law does not apply to this year’s third graders. This year, we would have had eight third graders who fell below the cut score. Three of the eight would automatically qualify for a “good cause exemption”. Four of the eight would have possible “good cause exemptions” and would need to be reviewed. One student would require conversations about retention.
- MAS is happy to announce that we will be renting space from the Marble Memorial United Methodist Church located on Park Lane in Milan to house the new Young Adult Program. The space is going to be a wonderful location for our program as it has some outstanding facilities for our students to use and is located in the heart of Milan. We would like to give a huge thank you to Pastor Jackie and the Board of Marble Memorial United Methodist Church for all their support in making this partnership a reality. We are still working on the details of the lease, but know that we will be able to make everything work for our students’ needs and within our budget.

### **Communication**

- The district currently has 881 Twitter followers. That is up 5 from last meeting.
- The district currently has 1,880 Facebook followers. That is up 8 from last meeting.

### **Budget**

- Food Service Bids were accepted at noon on Wednesday (5-22-19). According to state law, our documents were sent to over 35 companies. Chartwells, our current provider, was the only bidder. The good news is that their bid is very much in line with our past contracts and the state guidelines. We have been happy with Chartwells and look forward to continuing our partnership with them. I am forwarding the paperwork to MDE for approval. Once MDE approves the documents, I will bring the contract to the Board for approval (prior to July 1).

### **Curriculum**

- The Sexual Health Advisory Committee met on Wednesday (5-15-19). Two curricular areas will be reviewed by SHAC during the 2019-2020 school year. The areas were selected because of responses to our community survey. The two topics are:
  - \* When to first teach contraception/condoms. Survey = MS and Current Practice = HS
  - \* When/if we teach sexual orientation and gender identity. Survey = MS and Current Practice = HS

If any changes are determined to be necessary by SHAC, the committee’s recommendation will be brought to the Board in accordance with Michigan Laws.

### **Legislative**

- We are still waiting for the House's Education Budget. The Governor and Senate have both published their budgets. The May Revenue Consensus Conference showed that the revenue for the remainder of the 2018-2019 year is mixed. The general fund revenue is up \$151.5 million and the school aid fund revenue is down \$68.2 million. For the 2019-2020 fiscal year, the total revenue is estimated to up 1.2 percent.

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

- Assistant Superintendent McMahon shared that he enjoyed the Adult Ed and FCI graduation ceremonies. He is looking forward to the upcoming WiHi ceremony and MHS commencement and would like to congratulate all of our graduates.
- Assistant Superintendent McMahon shared that Ann Arbor sent a contingency of teachers to Paddock to observe the workshop model. Also, Chelsea schools sent a technology committee to the MCIS this morning to view our facility with a specific focus on technology integration.
- Assistant Superintendent McMahon shared that the English Language Learner Committee met today to organize summer trainings and begin the conversation around programming plans for next year.

### **Board Member Comments:**

- Board Member Kiger attended the FCI Graduation and was very impressed. Kiger stated that the speaker did a great job and was inspiring as he had spent 10 years in prison himself and is now a professor at U of M Dearborn.
- Board Member Landingham would like more information regarding the resolution of the London Township tax revenue calculations. Landingham attended the MMS Poetry Slam and stated that the students did a phenomenal job. Landingham inquired as to the number of paraprofessional turnovers that occurred this year.
- Board Member Vershum explained that the Board will begin working on the Dashboard at the regular board meeting in June. Vershum also explained that she and Board Member Cislo will be working on gathering mascot designs for the July meeting.

**Public Comments:** Student Board Member, Travis York, attended the second session of the Traces Program at MHS and stated it was really well done. York specified that Kim Goffee, Mark Rodan, and Aaron Pollard did a great job organizing the program.

**Time of Adjournment:** 10:57 p.m.