

**MILAN AREA SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, May 9, 2018**

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 9, 2018.

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

**Board Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Bryan Girbach, Ryan McMahon, Krista Hendrix, Kimberly Gillow, Tiffany Yatzek, Liz Miller, Jenny Smith, Kristin Lawver, Tonya Saragoza, Nicole VanSickle

**Guests Present:** Travis York

**Pledge of Allegiance**

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

Kimberly Gillow, Principal at Symons Elementary, and several Symons' teachers presented the Symons School Improvement Plan update to the Board of Education. See Attachment B.

**Public Comments:** None

Motion by Peacock supported by Cislo to approve the consent agenda, which includes: the minutes of the regular meeting of April 11, 2018, the minutes of the workshop meeting of April 25, 2018, the payment of bills/reimbursement of expenses, and the announcement of the 2018-2019 Budget and Truth-in-Taxation Hearing as outlined in Attachment C. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

The Board received a First Reading presentation regarding the WISD 2018-2019 Budget.

The Board received information regarding the Superintendent's Evaluation Evidence.

Motion by Peacock supported by Heikka that Milan Area Schools will exercise the options permitted by section 105 and Section 105C of the School Aid Act of 1979, as amended by Public Act 300 of 1996 and Public Act 297 of 2000, and for the purposes of Section 105 and Section 105C will accept applications of non-resident students from outside our district who reside within the Washtenaw County Intermediate School District (of which this district is a constituent district) or from residents of school districts located in another contiguous intermediate school districts for enrollment in our school district in grades K-12 for the 2018-2019 school year and will operate a schools-of-choice program in our district in compliance with the statutory requirements of Section 105 and Section 105C regarding unlimited schools-of-choice. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

## **Superintendent's Comments:**

### **Students**

- Superintendent Girbach attended the mock 5k of the Milan Chapter of Girls on the Run on Thursday, April 26<sup>th</sup>. The girls did a tremendous job, and the district is very proud of their hard work and dedication to the program.
- The Milan Rotary Club helped make the Symons Flapjacks with Families a huge success. The Rotary Club greatly appreciates the opportunity to work with the Symons PTO. The lines were short, families were happy, and parents were involved!
- Paddock's Moms and Muffins event on May 9<sup>th</sup> was a huge success. Over 500 people attended the event.

### **Staff**

- Victoria Steele, a Fifth Grade Teacher, has resigned effective June 13th. She has been a valuable member of the Symons team. She and her husband are moving out of country.

### **Goal Work**

- During the month of May, the Milan21 Team will visit each of the buildings during their regularly scheduled staff meetings. The Team looks forward to providing the Board of Education with teacher feedback when Milan21 presents at the May 30<sup>th</sup> Board Workshop.
- The buildings have been and will be hosting transitional activities. The programs include student visits during the day, family picnics, movie nights, orientation session for parents, and several other events.
- Paddock held their Kindergarten Orientation meeting on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Parent turn-out was good and kindergarten numbers are progressing as expected. Superintendent Girbach and Mr. DeSarbo enjoyed meeting with the parents of our incoming kindergarteners....the class of 2031.

### **General**

- Over the last two weeks, MHS, Symons, and MMS had outstanding Internal Reviews. Paddock's occurred before the last Board meeting and was detailed at the April 25<sup>th</sup> Board meeting. Mr. McMahon will share more details during his comments. Superintendent Girbach took the opportunity to thank the School Improvement Teams and staff of all four buildings for their dedication to the continuous improvement model.
- As Board designee to the WEOC JSC, Superintendent Girbach, presented a certified copy of the May 4, 2018 JSC Resolution with attachments. The resolution included a certified copy of the Program Addendum regarding the IB MYP and IB DP.
- Our thoughts go out to the family and friends of Brain Whiston following his passing. Mr. Whiston was serving as the State Superintendent of Schools. His leadership at MDE will be missed.

### **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.

### **Budget**

- At the June 30<sup>th</sup> Workshop meeting, the Board will be asked to give approval to PFM and Thrun Law to begin the process of refinancing the 2002 Bonds and Bond Swap Agreement. At this time, PFM feels that it makes sense to exit the swap agreement and move into the fixed rate bond market. At this time, you will not be approving the actual sale of bonds; you will be setting parameters for the sale of new bonds.

### **Board**

- Superintendent Girbach reminded the Board to keep an eye on the Board calendar. The months of May and June include numerous events and activities that celebrate the students' hard work during the school year.

### **Assistant Superintendent's Report:**

- Assistant Superintendent McMahon commented on the completion of the 2018 Internal Reviews. Each of the four buildings had successful review sessions over the previous three weeks. Informal feedback was provided to the buildings and a formal summary will be delivered soon. The process proved to be a rewarding experience for both the presentation teams and the visiting teams. The administrative team will meet to debrief on the process next week and then the district team will do the same in the Fall.
- Assistant Superintendent McMahon offered appreciation for the MAS teaching staff.

### **Board Member Comments:**

- Board Member Heikka attended the Paddock Mock Rock Show and was thoroughly impressed. Paddock put together gift baskets for a fundraising idea and teachers created some really cool options to bid on.
- Board Member Moccio shared with the Board that she was approached by teachers from Symons Elementary who shared with her how Mrs. Gillow is a great support to the staff. Moccio reminded the Board that the Empty Bowls fundraiser is scheduled for Thursday May 12th at the Senior Center. Moccio also inquired about the WISD science work group.
- Board Member Cislo stated that the Symons School Improvement presentation was very well done. Cislo attended the MMS Holocaust Museum field trip and was impressed how well behaved the students were during the event. Cislo also accompanied the MMS National Junior Honor Society on their trip to the Toledo Mudhens' game on May 12 and had a great time.
- Board Member Kiger attended the internal reviews and observed a climate of exceptionally caring staff and heard many positive comments spoken by parents.
- Board Member Landingham stated that the Internal Reviews were very impressive. She also mentioned adding student behavior to the Superintendent's "to do" list.

**Public Comments:** None

**Time of Adjournment:** 8:23 PM