

**MILAN AREA SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, June 13, 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 June 13, 2018.

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

Board Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Bryan Girbach, Ryan McMahon, Krista Hendrix, Anne Foor, Aaron Shinn, Chris Gill, Karen Reeves

Guests Present: Dan Reeves, Laurann Bobicz, Ken Bobicz, Jodi Carter-McNeil, Jim McNeil, Travis York, Ashley James Johnson

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion by Heikka supported by Moccio to thank Cheryl Mayher, Laurann Bobicz, Bonnie Farmer, Karen Reeves, Jodi Carter-McNeil, Mack Gauntlett, and Debbie German for their service to Milan Area Schools. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Motion by Landingham supported by Peacock to thank Julia Woelmer and Travis York for their service as School Board Student Representatives. Carried 7-0

Aaron Shinn (MHS Principal) and Chris Gill (MHS Assistant Principal) presented the Milan High School Improvement Plan update to the Board of Education. See Attachment B.

Public Comments: None

Motion by Cislo supported by Heikka to approve the consent agenda that includes the minutes of the regular meeting of May 9, 2018, the minutes of the workshop meeting of May 30, 2018, and the approval of payment of bills/reimbursement of expenses. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Motion by Landingham supported by Heikka to approve the 2017-2018 General Fund Budget Amendment as presented in Attachment C. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Motion by Peacock supported by Landingham to approve the 2017-2018 Debt Funds Budget Amendment as presented in Attachments D. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Motion by Landingham supported by Peacock to approve the 2018-2019 General Fund Preliminary Budget as presented in Attachments E. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Motion by Cislo supported by Peacock to approve the 2018-2019 Debt Funds Preliminary Budget as presented in Attachment F. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Motion by Peacock supported by Cislo to approve the 2018-2019 Food Service Preliminary Budget as presented in Attachment G. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Motion by Cislo supported by Peacock to approve the 2018-2019 General Appropriations Act as presented in Attachment H. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Motion by Cislo supported by Heikka to authorize borrowing up to \$1,750,000 against anticipated state aid for the 2018-2019 fiscal year as specified in the borrowing resolution included as Attachment I. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Motion by Peacock supported by Cislo to appoint the following people to the teaching positions listed and Base Salaries listed effective for the 2018-2019 school year. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

- * Eric Howe – Symons 3rd Grade (\$49,272)
- * Jake LaCross – Symons 3rd Grade (\$41,210)
- * Nicole McGinn – Symons 4th Grade (\$51,000)

Superintendent's Comments:

Students

- The Milan High School graduation ceremony on June 3rd was a wonderful event.
- The Paddock Dads with Doughnuts event was a huge success. The attendance was amazing!
- The Milan Middle School 8th Grade Recognition Ceremony was very nice. Each student was recognized and shared a thought about their middle school experience.
- The Class of 2018 conducted a graduate walk at Paddock on May 31st. The seniors, Paddock students, Paddock staff, and parents from MHS and Paddock all enjoyed the event.
- The 2nd grade transition visit to Symons was a huge success. The students enjoyed activities and a building tour during the day. Second grade families attended a picnic in the evening that included student led tours and a picnic dinner.
- The 5th grade transition visit to MMS was very successful. The students enjoyed activities and a guided tour of MMS provided by Student Ambassadors.
- C-SPAN visited Milan High School on June 5th. MHS had 2 teams nationally recognized this year!
- The 5th grade students and parents enjoyed DARE graduation on June 11th.
- The end of the year dismissal was smooth for the students.
- With the help of Aid in Milan, each of the buildings distributed large amounts of summer food for students in need. The program provided lunch and snack items. If the appropriate grants are received, the program hopes to have one or two more distributions throughout the summer.

Staff

- Pam Krebs, a Symons Teacher, has resigned. She has been a valuable member of the Symons team. She accepted a position in another district.
- Bethany Keskitalo, a Symons Teacher, has resigned effective June 13th. She has been a valuable member of the Symons team. She recently had a baby and made a family decision.

- Pamela Sparkling, Paddock Social Worker, has resigned effective June 13th. She has been a valuable member of the Paddock team. She and her husband are moving for his career.

General

- The Sexual Health Advisory Committee met on Monday, June 4th. The committee discussed the success of the changes and updates made to the materials this year. They also began preparing for next year's school community health survey.
- Negotiations have begun between the District and the MEA. Things are going well. The next session is scheduled for June 18th at 11:00 AM.
- Superintendent Girbach thanked Chartwells for their generous donation of \$1000 for classroom library books for Symons and Paddock.

Communication

- The district currently has 697 Twitter followers. That is up 6 from last meeting.
- The district currently has 1,485 Facebook followers. That is up 3 from last meeting.

Budget

- Krista Hendrix and Superintendent Girbach are working with the district's financial advisors and law firm regarding the 2002 bond refinancing. Several more calls are scheduled, and the timeline still includes pricing and Board Approval of the sale on July 11th.

Assistant Superintendent's Comments:

- Assistant Superintendent McMahon shared that the MHS graduation ceremony was an enjoyable experience and acknowledged all of the teachers and staff members that helped our graduates at some point along their journey.
- Assistant Superintendent McMahon shared that the last day of school was a successful close to another great year at MAS.
- Assistant Superintendent McMahon offered a commendation for the Safety Response Team at Milan Middle School. Within seconds of the all-call for the team, members were on the scene and engaged in helping the student find a safe conclusion to the event. We are fortunate to have such dedicated and caring staff members across the district and today's response serves as a great example.
- Assistant Superintendent McMahon shared praise for Molly Jeppesen for all the work she put into organizing the Summer Food Bags for students. The amount of food provided to each building was impressive.

Board Member Comments:

- Board Member Landingham stated that Aid in Milan is looking for volunteers to help with packing food during the months of July and August.
- Board Member Vershum publicly thanked Travis York for serving as a student Board Member. Vershum also passed along information regarding choices when registering

for classes for the 2018-2019 school year and questions regarding National Honor Society. Vershum also brought up the subject of student safety during evacuation procedures and the parent use of social media.

- Board Member Kiger addressed the Board on the privilege it is to have CSPAN recognizing Milan students with awards coming from State Representatives and Senators. This is a great point of pride for Milan Area Schools.
- Board Member Heikka made positive remarks about the summer food distribution program.
- Board Member Moccio suggested that NHS and NJHS could assist with the summer food distribution.

Public Comments: Travis York thanked the Board for allowing him to serve as a student Board Member for this school year. York commented it was nice to see how much people care.

Motion by Heikka supported by Moccio to enter into closed session as allowed by the Open Meetings Act for evaluation of the Superintendent. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Time entered closed session 8:30 p.m.

Motion by Heikka supported by Peacock to return to open session. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Time returned to open session 9:18 p.m.

Time of Adjournment: 9:18 p.m.