

**MILAN AREA SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, July 10, 2019**

The regular meeting of the Milan Area Schools Board of Education was called to order by Vice-President Heikka at 7:00 p.m. on July 10, 2019.

Board Members Present: Moccio, Cislo, Kiger, Landingham, Heikka, Frait (present remotely)

Board Members Absent: Vershum

Staff Present: Bryan Girbach, Ryan McMahon, Krista Hendrix, Anne Foor

Guests Present: None

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comments: None

Motion by Landingham supported by Moccio to approve the consent agenda that includes the minutes of the regular meeting of June 12, 2019, the minutes of the Budget Hearing of June 12, 2019, the minutes of the workshop meeting of June 26, 2019, and the approval of payment of bills/reimbursement of expenses. All Ayes. Carried 6-0

Motion by Cislo supported by Moccio to adopt the following resolutions:

- a. To name JP Morgan Chase/Chase Bank, United Bank and Trust, Fifth Third Bank, UBS, US Bank, Michigan School District Liquid Asset Fund, Bank of NY Mellon, Monroe Bank and Trust, and MBIA Michigan Class as depositories for General Fund, Payroll, Debt Retirement, Trust and Agency, Food Service, Athletic, and Internal Accounts for district moneys for the 2019-2020 fiscal year and that the following staff members' signatures be attached to the respective accounts as listed:

- * General Fund, Payroll & Invoice, Debt Retirement, Food Service, Trust and Agency, Athletics – Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, and Finance Director

- * High School – MHS Principal, MHS Assistant Principal, and Superintendent

- * Middle School – MMS Principal, MMS Assistant Principal, and Superintendent

- * Symons Elementary – Symons Principal, Finance Director, and Superintendent

- * Paddock Elementary School – Paddock Principal, Finance Director, and Superintendent

Be it further moved that the superintendent or designee is authorized to transfer funds from savings to checking and checking to savings and is authorized to buy time savings certificates and invest district moneys in accordance with state and/or federal law and Board Policy.

- b. To designate the Superintendent or designee to post notices of meetings.

- c. That the law firm of Thrun Law Firm, P.C., be retained as the district's legal counsel for the 2019-2020 fiscal year. Further moved that the Superintendent is authorized to extend the retainer relationship with Thrun Law Firm, P.C. for one year upon its

anniversary date. Further moved that other legal counsel may be retained for specific purposes, as needed.

- d. To approve the appointments listed below:
1. Voting Delegates to MASB
Landingham, Frait.
 2. Alternate voting Delegates to MASB
Moccio, Heikka.

All Ayes. Carried 6-0

Motion by Moccio supported by Landingham to approve the Preliminary Loan Application Resolution for borrowing from the School Loan Revolving Fund as presented in Attachment A. All Ayes. Carried 6-0

President Vershum and Board Member Cislo shared mascot/logo design options with the rest of the Board. The recommendation was made to have BSN begin the development of six additional mascot/graphic designs.

Superintendent's Comments:

Students

- Principal Shinn and Superintendent Girbach are working on a process to select Student Board Representatives for the 2019-2020 school year. Attendance will be an important criteria stressed during the selection process.

Staff

- Emily Stoddard (MHS – MMS Teacher) Resigned
- The Milan Middle School vacant ELA Position has been posted on Applitrack.
- The Symons Elementary third and fifth grade teacher hiring process will begin next week. We have 104 applicants for 3 vacancies.
- The Symons Principal hiring process is going well.
 - 72 Applicants Received
 - 25 Candidates for Staff Paperwork Review
 - 14 Candidates for Initial Phone Screenings
 - 6 Candidates for First Round Building Interviews
 - 3 Candidates for Second Round District/Building Interviews
 - Conduct Final Background and Reference Checks
 - 2 Candidates for Personal Building Tour / Final Interviews
 - Recommendation to Board of Education on July 24th

Communication

- The district currently has 879 Twitter followers. That is down 3 from last meeting.
- The district currently has 1,898 Facebook followers. That is up 3 from last meeting.

Budget

- The carpet repair and replacement at Milan High School is going well. Several upstairs classrooms have been re-installed to remove ripples. The upstairs hallway carpet will be replaced before the start of the new school year. The new installation will be carpet

squares not rolled carpet. This allows for easier maintenance and repair of isolated stains and ware.

Board

- Superintendent Girbach reminded the Board about their July 24th workshop meeting. The agenda will be minimal and will be focused on hiring approvals.

Assistant Superintendent's Comments:

- Assistant Superintendent McMahon updated the board on the consolidated grant application. All required applications and supporting documentation has been submitted for review.

Board Member Comments:

- Board Member Kiger attended the National Model School Conference and shared information regarding the sessions she attended. Kiger stated the Model School Conference was the best conference she has ever attended.
- Board Member Moccio attended Nerd Camp on July 8th at Western High School in Parma MI. Moccio thought it was a great conference and was impressed by the very large contingent of Milan staff attending.
- Board Member Frait thanked the administration and staff who are involved in the hiring process of our new Symons Elementary School Principal.
- Board Member Heikka and Board Member Frait voiced their feelings about the vote to reduce the millage rate from 13.0 mills to 11.4 mills.

Public Comments: None

Time of Adjournment: 7:45 p.m.