

**MILAN AREA SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, July 11, 2018**

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 11, 2018.

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

**Board Members Absent:** Vershum

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

**Guests Present:** Paul Stauder, Nick Livingston

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Public Comments:** None

Motion by Peacock supported by Landingham to approve the consent agenda that includes the minutes of the regular meeting of June 13, 2018, the minutes of the Budget Hearing of June 13, 2018, the minutes of the workshop meeting of June 27, 2018, and the approval of payment of bills/reimbursement of expenses. All Ayes. Carried 6-0

Motion by Peacock supported by Cislo 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, 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 2018-2019 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 2018-2019 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, Heikka.
2. Alternate voting Delegates to MASB  
Moccio, Cislo

All Ayes. Carried 6-0

Motion by Peacock supported by Moccio 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

Motion by Peacock supported by Landingham to approve the 2018 Refunding Bonds resolution as presented in Attachment B. All Ayes. Carried 6-0

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.

- \* Sarah Elliot – Paddock Social Worker (\$44,500)
- \* Valerie Rice - Symons Teacher Consultant (\$48,000)

All Ayes. Carried 6-0

Motion by Landingham supported by Moccio to appoint Jeannie Baber as the Director of Transportation at an annual salary of \$41,000 effective immediately. All Ayes. Carried 6-0

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

#### **Staff**

- Lindsey Pesonen (MMS Teacher Consultant) had twin baby girls - Hannah Marie and Zoe Christina
- MEA Negotiations are proceeding in a positive direction. The July 10<sup>th</sup> session was cut short due to the illness of an MEA bargaining member. Two additional meeting dates have been scheduled: July 12<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM and July 16<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM.

#### **General**

- All of the district's parking lots have received preventative maintenance. Some minor blacktop repairs were made, the cracks were sealed with rubber, the lots were completely re-sealed, and the striping has been completed.
- The district has implemented its 2018-2019 advertising campaign. The program will include radio spots on W4 Country, postcard mailings, and advertising at High Velocity Sports complex.

#### **Communication**

- The district currently has 702 Twitter followers. That is up 2 from last meeting.
- The district currently has 1,491 Facebook followers. That is up 5 from last meeting.

#### **Budget**

- The district will be purchasing the current copy equipment (for \$1) at the end of the lease. For the time being, the district will be using a maintenance agreement to keep

the equipment in working order, but there will be no lease payment. The district hopes to use the equipment for an additional 12 months. The district will realize some savings from postponing the need for a new lease.

**Assistant Superintendent's Report:**

- Assistant Superintendent McMahon reported that all the year-end District Improvement reports and grant applications have been submitted. This includes the District Improvement Plan, the Program Evaluation Tool, the Title I School Selection Report, and the Consolidated Application.

**Board Member Comments:**

- Board Member Moccio attended a Literacy Conference in June and met up with Milan staff members also attending. Moccio gave kudos to the staff members in attendance for their enthusiasm and excitement for the new ideas and plans being formed.
- Board Member Landingham commented on the low turnout for the Aid in Milan summer food distribution. She sought ideas about to how to reach the families who might be in need.
- Board Member Kiger stated that Jill Tewsley, Executive Director of Milan Main Street/DDA, was looking for groups to help facilitate activities associated with Third Thursdays.

**Public Comments:** None

Motion by Moccio supported by Cislo to enter into closed session as allowed by the Open Meetings Act for Negotiation Strategies. All Ayes. Carried 6-0

Time entered closed session: 7:28 PM

Motion by Peacock supported by Landingham to return to open session. All Ayes. Carried 6-0.

Time returned to open session: 7:54 PM

**Time of Adjournment:** 7:54 PM