

**MILAN AREA SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, July 8, 2020**

The regular meeting of the Milan Area Schools Board of Education was called to order by President Vershum at 7:00 p.m. on July 8, 2020.

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

Board Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Bryan Girbach, Ryan McMahon, Krista Hendrix, Sean DeSarbo, Jennifer Bookout, Lon Smith, Courtney Jeffers, Anne Middleton, Pam Smaby, Melissa Fiederlein, Chad Lawver, Connie Rose, Jennifer Barker, Liz Miller, Kelly Smith, Jill Gerweck, Clara Thiry, McKenzie Chappell, Jim Brousseau, Kim Rock, Wendy Unger, John Evans, Lisa Martin, Nichole Kuenzel, Debra Nichols, Mary Kliber, Tracy Terris, Allison Smith, Annie Kiser, Jennifer Glushyn, Dan Heikka, Kaitlyn Erehart, Miranda Trout, Matthew Gittleson

Guests Present: Eva Ruff, Shannon Dare, Matthew Stafford, David Thiry, Mark Reddock, Ebony Reddock, Mary Hill, Julie Brown

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion by Heikka supported by Cislo to approve the consent agenda that includes the minutes of the minutes of the Budget Hearing of June 10, 2020, the regular meeting of June 10, 2020, the minutes of the workshop meeting of June 24, 2020, and the approval of payment of bills/reimbursement of expenses. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Motion by Kiger 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, First Merchants Bank, 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 2020-2021 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
Michelle Heikka, Amy Landingham
2. Alternate voting Delegates to MASB
Kerri Moccio, Kirsten Frait

All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Motion by Kiger supported by Cislo to approve the Preliminary Loan Application Resolution for borrowing from the School Loan Revolving Fund as presented in Attachment A.

All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Superintendent Girbach updated the Board regarding the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 Budget.

Superintendent Girbach updated the Board on the Plans of the 2020-2021 School Year.

Superintendent's Comments:

Students

- 2020 Graduation
 - Sunday, July 12 (high of 82 and 40% chance of scattered thunderstorms)
 - 8 outdoor ceremonies (30 minutes each between 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM)
 - 20 graduates with 4 guests - 1 car per family (Mr. Shinn and Mr. Girbach)
 - Procession
 - Comments from Mr. Shinn
 - Distribution of diplomas on stage
 - Comments from Mr. Girbach
 - Turning of Tassels (and mortarboard toss)
 - Separate Entrance and Exit Points (entrance strictly monitored)

Staff

- McKenzie Chappell (MHS Teacher) had a baby boy Everett Verner Faulkner. He was born on 6/19/20.

Communication

- The district currently has 1,001 Twitter followers. That is up 0 from the last meeting.
- The district currently has 2,116 Facebook followers. That is up 7 from the last meeting.

Budget

- It is anticipated that the 2019-2020 state budget deal will be quickly approved when the legislature returns on July 21st. The current 2019-2020 state budget deal includes:
 - \$256 million cut = \$171 per pupil cut in foundation allowance (taken out of August State Aid Payment – 2019-2020 Budget)

- \$60 million cut to categoricals (no specifics provided at this time; therefore, effect on Milan Area Schools budget is unknown)
- \$512 million in CARES Act revenue = \$342 per pupil (expenditure restrictions unknown at this time – most likely distributed in 2020-2021 budget cycle)
- \$53 million hazard pay for teachers = \$500 per teacher (specifics of how the payment is made and who gets it are unknown at this time – potential cost of \$200 per teacher for the district)
- \$350 million from Budget Stabilization Fund to address remaining 2019-2020 school aide and general fund shortfalls.
 - The 2020-2021 State budget has not been addressed at this time.
- Cuts are estimated to be \$685 per pupil.

Board

- The School Board Candidate filing deadline for the November General Election is July 21, 2020 by 4:00 PM. Milan Area Schools will have 3 open seats on the ballot.

Curriculum

- At the July 22 Board Meeting, the district will be seeking Board approval for a technology purchase for K-2 devices. This purchase will complete the district's one-to-one project.
- The technology department is also working on a connectivity plan. Purchase approvals will be presented to the Board in the near future.

Assistant Superintendent's Comments:

- Assistant Superintendent McMahon updated the Board on the recent progress of the Instructional Options Subcommittee.

Public Comments: Liz Miller, teacher at Symons Elementary addressed the Board with a question regarding the 2020-2021 school year.

Julie Brown of 1251 Daisy Lane asked a question regarding HS graduation.

Mary Hill of 7340 Oakville Waltz Rd thanked Mr. Girbach, Mr. Shinn, Mr. McMahon and the Board for giving the HS Seniors as normal of a graduation ceremony possible.

Board Member Comments:

Board Member Vershum asked questions and commented on the upcoming HS graduation plan. She also thanked the Administrative Team for adjusting the graduation ceremony following community requests.

Board Member Frait thanked the staff and community members for attending the meeting. Frait also shared her thoughts regarding the upcoming HS graduation.

Board Member Heikka thanked the staff and community members for attending the meeting. Heikka encouraged staff to reach out the legislatures regarding plans for the upcoming school year. Heikka also thanked the parents who sent plans to help develop a graduation ceremony.

Board Member Moccio encouraged teachers and staff to reach out and voice their concerns for the upcoming school year, and stated we need as much input as possible to make the school year successful.

Time of Adjournment: 8:11 p.m.