

**MILAN AREA SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, August 14, 2019**

The regular meeting of the Milan Area Schools Board of Education was called to order by President Vershum at 7:00 p.m. on August 14, 2019.

**Board Members Present:** Vershum, Cislo, Kiger, Landingham, Heikka, Frait (7:35p.m.)

**Board Members Absent:** Moccio

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

**Guests Present:** Grace Gyolai, Sarah Vershum, Heather Cartwright

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Public Comments:** None

Motion by Cislo supported by Landingham to approve the consent agenda that includes the minutes of the regular meeting of July 10, 2019, the minutes of the workshop meeting of July 24, 2019, the approval of payment of bills/reimbursement of expenses, and the acceptance of the Rehmann Robson Engagement Letter (as included in Attachment A)  
All Ayes. Carried 5-0

Motion by Landingham supported by Cislo to appoint the following person to the teaching position listed and Base Salary listed effective for the 2019-2020 school year.

\* Lauren Birdsong – Young Adult (\$40,500)

All Ayes. Carried 5-0

Superintendent Girbach presented to the Board the Capital Projects Plan Update

The Board discussed the MASB Board of Education Governance Standards as in Attachment C

**Superintendent's Comments:**

**Students**

- Superintendent Girbach will be conducting an Orientation Session with the two new Student Board Representatives (Sarah Vershum and Grace Gyolai) on Friday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>. The Representatives will then be attending meetings.
- The Milan Police Department has joined the County Handle with Care Initiative. This system allows police forces in Washtenaw County to report community incidents that may affect a student's ability to perform in school. While the district receives no details regarding the incident the police handled, it does inform the district that a student may have witnessed or been involved in a situation that may affect their school

life. Our Administrators, Counselors, and Social Workers can then meet with the child to determine if they need any support.

### **Staff**

- The 2019-2020 Staff Welcome Letter was sent to all MAS staff members today. The email, and attached letter, detailed the professional development opportunities available to the staff prior to the start of the school year.

### **Communication**

- The district currently has 886 Twitter followers. That is up 8 from last meeting.
- The district currently has 1,912 Facebook followers. That is up 8 from last meeting.

### **Budget**

- The district's Kindergarten registration count is currently 164. There are also 15 Young 5's registered. The total of 179 is very large in comparison to past years (Currently, First Grade is 118 and Second Grade is 146). Mr. DeSarbo, Mr. McMahon, and Superintendent Girbach made the decision to shift one First Grade teacher to Kindergarten. This move will keep class sizes at K, 1st, and 2nd very nice and in a proper progression. All class placements have been adjusted for Registration Day.

### **Board**

- The MASB 2019 Delegate Assembly will begin Friday, Nov. 8 at 5:30 p.m. at the Grand Traverse Resort in Acme. Delegates selected by boards of education across the state will decide MASB's positions on a wide variety of issues affecting education. Milan's delegates are Landingham and Frait with Moccio and Heikka as Alternates.
- Superintendent Girbach provided the Board with an update regarding the Logo/Mascot expansion.
- Superintendent Girbach reminded the Board about important upcoming dates, including Registration Day, Professional Development Days, the First Day of School, and the Building Open Houses.

### **Curriculum**

- Superintendent Girbach provided the Board with an update regarding the new Yong Adult program.

### **General**

- Superintendent Girbach took part of the City's visioning session on Tuesday, July 30<sup>th</sup>. The event was very successful and provided the City with topics of discussion as they navigate the future of the City of Milan.
- Superintendent Girbach provided the Board with an update on the Young Adult program.
- Superintendent Girbach provided the Board with an update on the Logo/Mascot expansion.

**Assistant Superintendent's Comments:**

- Assistant Superintendent McMahon updated the Board on summer trainings supported by grant funds that staff have participated in or will be participating in before school starts.
- Assistant Superintendent McMahon updated the Board that the principals have been busy keeping curriculum and supplies purchases up with new hires and teacher transitions. The district expects to have all needed items in place before the start of the year.

**Board Member Comments:**

- Board Member Heikka addressed the subject of athletic groups who have attempted to sell Native American gear. She asked Superintendent Girbach to remind all athletic groups that they can no longer sell, profit, nor support the use of the Native American symbolism.
- Board Member Cislo attended the Athletic Meeting hosted by Robert Hull and shared that Mr. Hull did a great job running the meeting and thought the gathering was well attended. Cislo also asked to have the topic of data for the Superintendent's evaluation added to an upcoming meeting agenda.
- Board Member Landingham shared some ideas of showing appreciation to the staff as they return for the 2019-2020 school year.

**Public Comments:** Student Board Members Grace Gyolai and Sarah Vershum shared some thoughts on the MAS mascot logo.

**Time of Adjournment:** 8:43 p.m.