

**MILAN AREA SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, August 15, 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 August 15, 2018.

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

Board Members Absent: Peacock, Heikka

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

Guests Present: Angela Bigham, Lukas Bigham, Payton Bigham, George Elder, Mayor Dominic Hamden, Ed Falbe, Diane Felbe

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comments: Mayor Dominic Hamden introduced himself to the Board and offered his services to the school as well as the rest of his staff.

Motion by Landingham supported by Moccio to approve the consent agenda that includes the minutes of the regular meeting of July 11, 2018, the approval of payment of bills/reimbursement of expenses, and the acceptance of the Rehmann Robson Engagement Letter. All Ayes. Carried 5-0

Motion by Landingham supported by Kiger to appoint the following person to the administrative position listed and Base Salary listed effective for the 2018-2019 school year.

* Angela Bigham – Symons Elementary Principal (\$88,000)

All Ayes. Carried 5-0

Motion by Moccio supported by Landingham to approve the Master Agreement with the Milan Education Association as described in Attachment C. All Ayes. Carried 4-0 (Cislo abstention due to conflict of interest)

The Board had the first reading of the NEOLA Policy Updates - Attachment D

The Board discussed the District/Superintendent Priorities.

The Board discussed the Third Thursday and Route 23 Arts and Music Festival Discussion.

Superintendent's Comments:

Students

- Superintendent Girbach reminded everyone that tomorrow (8-16-18) is Registration Day. All buildings will be open from 9:00AM to noon, 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM, and 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM. All students are expected to register for school. Those families who

cannot attend on August 16th should plan to visit their school as soon as possible following Registration Day.

Staff

- Superintendent Girbach announced that Krista Hendrix (Finance Director) met the requirements to renew the Chief Financial Officer certification under the MSBO voluntary certification program. Ms. Hendrix completed over 150 hours of professional development to renew her certification. Superintendent Girbach extended his congratulations to Mrs. Hendrix.
- Superintendent Girbach extended a warm welcome to Angela Bigham, the new Principal of Symons Elementary School. The Symons staff and Administrative team are excited to begin working with Mrs. Bigham.

General

- Superintendent Girbach announced that the first phase of technology purchases had been made. These purchases included new wireless access points, mini-ipads, and over 450 chrome books. This chrome book purchase will provide a 1-to-1 situation in grades 6 through 12 (with the devices checked out to all students to use for the year). Grades 3 through 5 will have chrome book carts in every classroom, allowing for a 1-to-1 ratio while at school. Paddock will gain more iPad minis for their staff to use with our youngest learners.
- Superintendent Girbach informed everyone that the district will be conducting a home connectivity survey at MHS and MMS during student registration. The district is interested in determining the capability of our students' households to effectively connect to the internet.
- Superintendent Girbach announced that MAS is investigating the possibility of applying for a Marshall Plan Grant in conjunction with Concordia University and several business partners. The Marshall Plan is a grant designed by Governor Snyder to support pipelines to employability. The MAS-Concordia grant application would be focused on providing Certified Nursing Assistant certifications.

Communication

- The district currently has 713 Twitter followers. That is up 11 from last meeting.
- The district currently has 1,494 Facebook followers. That is up 3 from last meeting.

Goal Work

- The Milan Diversity Team met on July 18th to begin planning their activities for the 2018-2019 school year. The Team is excited to continue their work surrounding diversity. Superintendent Girbach has been in communication with Shayla Griffin from the WISD to help develop the "next steps" for the Diversity Team.
- The Milan21 Team met on July 17th and August 6th. The Team is coordinating Staff Professional Development for the district's opening PD days. The topic of the PD will be Authentic Experiences and P21 skills.

Assistant Superintendent's Comments:

- Assistant Superintendent McMahon officially congratulated Angie Bigham on her appointment to the position of Symons Principal.

- Assistant Superintendent McMahon provided an update on the Aid In Milan grant to supply food to MAS students. The district administrative team gathered and delivered assembled bags to Paddock, which were given out to students participating in summer programs. At registration, flyers will be handed out to students to further promote this opportunity.
- Assistant Superintendent McMahon shared that the television commercials filmed by MDE/ASCD at Paddock around their work with the Literacy Essentials are now live on television.
- Assistant Superintendent McMahon updated the Board on professional development opportunities during the month of August.
 - Aug. 10 - KRA Training (6 participants)
 - Aug. 10/11 - SIOP Training (30 participants)
 - Aug. 22 - John Hattie Presentation at WISD (10 participants)
 - Aug. 23/24 - Foundations Training (10 participants)
 - Aug. 27/28 - CPI Training (Approximately 20 participants)
 - Aug. 28 - MHS RAAD Training (10 participants)
 - Aug. 28 - MMS RAAD/Milan21 Training (Approximately 20 participants)
 - Aug. 28 - PAD/SYM Essentials/Milan21 Training (Approximately 25participants)

Board Member Comments:

- Board Member Landingham discussed that Aid in Milan had an increase in requests from families of Milan. The increase was credited to the district’s involvement in food distribution to students and parents during the summer. Aid in Milan was grateful to be able to support additional families.
- Board Member Cislo discussed the upcoming MASB conference.

Public Comments: George Elder of 442 Everett St, Milan MI, addressed the Board with questions regarding the new Symons Elementary Principal.

Motion by Cislo supported by Kiger to enter into closed session as allowed by the Open Meetings Act for Negotiation Strategies. All Ayes. Carried 5-0

Time entered closed session 8:42 p.m.

Motion by Cislo supported by Kiger to return to open session.

Time returned to open session 9:56 p.m.

Time of Adjournment: 9:56 p.m.