

**MILAN AREA SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, August 16, 2017**

The regular meeting of the Milan Area Schools Board of Education was called to order by President Kiger at 7:00 p.m. on August 16, 2017.

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

Board Members Absent: None

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

Guests Present: Julia Woelmer, Travis York

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comments: None

Motion by Moccio supported by Landingham to approve the consent agenda that includes the minutes of the regular meeting of July 12, 2017, the approval of payment of bills/reimbursement of expenses, and the acceptance of the Rehmann Robson Engagement Letter. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Motion by Peacock supported by Cislo to approve an increase in breakfast and lunch prices as described in Attachment B. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Motion by Cislo supported by Peacock to appoint the following person to the position listed and hourly wage listed effective immediately.

* Doug Orr – Lead Mechanic – (\$25.00 per hour)

All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Superintendent's Comments:

Students

- Superintendent Girbach welcomed the new Student School Board Representatives (Julia Woelmer and Travis York).
- Superintendent Girbach reminded everyone that Student Registration is on Thursday, August 17th (9:00-12:00, 1:00-4:00 and 5:00-7:00).
- Milan Area Schools Athletic Department received a congratulatory letter from the MHSAA stating that the district had “no negative official report of concern, ejection, or sportsmanship during the 2016-2017 school year”. MHSAA thanked the district’s students, coaches, administration, staff, and community for demonstrating such positive sportsmanship.

Staff

- Paige Carleton (MMS science) resigned.
- Trina Gale (elementary counselor) resigned.
- Ellen Gessert (MMS art teacher) resigned.
- The Milan21 Team met on July 27th to prepare the implementation plan for 21st Century Skills and Authentic Instructional practices. The Committee is meeting again on August 24th to finalize the Professional Development session for August 30th.
- The district is currently in the hiring process for:
 - Third Grade Teacher
 - MMS Art Teacher
 - MHS Science Teacher
 - MMS Art Teacher
 - MHS Teacher Consultant
 - Elementary Social Worker

General

- The preliminary results of the 2016-2017 bus inspections are projecting all green tags. No buses were flagged red or yellow! Thank you to Doug and Todd our mechanics.
- Summer maintenance in all of the buildings is going well. The Buildings and Grounds department is working hard to prepare the buildings for the 2017-2018 school year.
- The technology department is conducting summer repairs and preventative maintenance on all of the district's technology equipment. The department is also preparing all of the recently purchased devices for student use.

Communication

- The district currently has 536 Twitter followers. That is up 12 from last meeting.
- The district currently has 1,340 Facebook followers. That is up 7 from last meeting.

Budget

- Superintendent Girbach has negotiation sessions scheduled with 3 union groups:
 - Teachers – August 17th
 - Support Staff – August 18th
 - Transportation – August 23rd

Board

- Shayla Griffin will be working with the Board on the Diversity Goal at the September 27th Board Workshop meeting.

Assistant Superintendent Comments:

Symons teachers will be attending two days of internal training for the new Units of Study.

There will be an open public meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 30, from 5:30 - 7:00, followed by a presentation to the Board.

Looking forward to the Registration Day tomorrow and the Administration Retreat next week.

Board Member Comments:

Board member Moccio commented on the MASB Summer Leadership conference. She specifically noted the General Session speaker.

Board member Landingham commented on the MASB Summer Leadership conference. She specifically noted the General Session speaker.

Board member Vershum commented on the MASB Summer Leadership conference. She specifically noted the General Session speaker. She also inquired about the date and time of the Board Meeting at the MASB Fall Conference.

Board member Heikka commented on the new swimming and diving score board. She invited all of the Board members to visit the pool to see the new score board.

Public Comments:

Jay Bleifeld who resides at 65 W. Chestnut in Petersburg MI spoke to the Board regarding negotiations. Bleifeld also conveyed conversations he has had with parents regarding how great the buildings look and what a great job custodians do to maintain the condition of the buildings.

Motion by Peacock supported by Vershum to enter into closed session as allowed by the Open Meetings Act for Student Discipline. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Time entered into closed session 7:27 p.m.

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

Time returned to open session 8:07 p.m.

Motion by Moccio supported by Peacock to reconsider the discipline of Student 2016-2017-02 as described in the attached resolution. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Motion by Peacock supported by Cislo to enter into closed session as allowed by the Open Meetings Act for a negotiation strategies. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Time entered closed session 8:15 p.m.

Motion by Heikka supported by Peacock to return to open session. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Time returned to open session 9:24 p.m.

Time of Adjournment: 9:24 p.m.