

**MILAN AREA SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
WORKSHOP MEETING
WEDNESDAY, August 26, 2020**

The workshop meeting (held in person and virtually using Zoom) of the Milan Area Schools Board of Education was called to order by President Vershum at 7:00 p.m. on August 26, 2020.

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

Board Members Absent: None

Staff Present: See Attached

Guests Present: See Attached

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion by Frait supported by Moccio to approve the FCI Graduates (as listed in Attachment A) contingent upon their completion of all requirements. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Motion by Frait supported by Heikka to recall Mark Davis from layoff (in accordance with Board Policy 3131) effective immediately. Furthermore, to authorize the Superintendent or designee to effectuate the recall process in accordance with Board Policy 3131.
All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Motion by Heikka supported by Moccio to approve the Milan Education Association 2020-2021 Calendar as presented in Attachment B. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Superintendent Girbach provided an update on the 2020-2021 school year.

Superintendent's Comments:

Staff

- Tracey Klein (Paddock Teacher) – 1 Year Leave of Absence – Vacancy Posted
- Clara Thiry (Paddock Teacher) – 1 Year Leave of Absence – Vacancy Posted
- Kelly Dillman (Symons Teacher Consultant) – 1 Year Leave of Absence – Vacancy Posted
- Anne Middleton (MMS Teacher) – Resignation – Filled Through Recall
- Denae Streeter (MHS Teacher) – Resignation – Vacancy Posted
- 6 Additional Normal FMLA Leaves have been requested

Communication

- The district currently has 1,029 Twitter followers. That is up 14 from the last meeting.
- The district currently has 2,182 Facebook followers. That is up 22 from the last meeting.

Budget Update

- 2019-2022 Audit is Going Well
 - Off Scale Compensation Determined Upon Completion of Audit
 - Calculation Spreadsheet Under Development

General

- Superintendent Girbach thanked the community for being patient. He specifically thanked them for their decorum during the building specific community Zoom sessions.
- Superintendent Girbach provided an update regarding the 2020-2021 School Year:
- Student Assignment Update
 - Communication to Families on Friday 8-21-20)
 - Hybrid A-Day 675, Hybrid B-Day 675, Virtual 520
 - Parent Requests
 - All Current Requests Honored
 - Request Window Closed
 - Families Receiving Contact This Week
 - Placing New Registrations According to Space Available
 - Students in Buildings
 - Paddock – 145 (usually 440)
 - Symons – 145 (usually 440)
 - MMS – 150 (usually 450)
 - MHS – 235 (usually 650)
- Elementary Classrooms
 - 2 Virtual Classrooms at Each Grade Level
 - Staff Assigned to Virtual or Hybrid
 - All Class Sizes Within Contract Limits
- Secondary Schedules
 - MMS - Grade Level Cohorts
 - MHS - Individual Courses
- Next Steps
 - Elementary Student Classroom Assignments
 - Secondary Schedules
 - Transportation
 - Food Service
- Building Specific Zoom Informational Sessions
 - Completed
 - Paddock - Tuesday at 5:00
 - Symons - Monday at 5:00
 - MMS - Monday at 7:00
 - MHS - Tuesday at 7:00
 - Zoom Recordings and Presentations Available on Website
- COVID-19 Parent Guide
 - District Portion Being Finalized
 - Building Specific Pieces Being Finalized
- News From Lansing
 - Pupil Count .75x[.90xFall2019+.10xSpring2019]+.25x[.90xFall2020+.10xSpring2020]
 - 3 Counts Known

- Formula Beneficial to Milan
- Very Likely MAS will Hit Budget Projection for Pupil Count
- Benchmark Assessment
 - NWEA Approved by MDE
- Additional COVID Plans Required
 - Achievement Goals
 - Monthly Board Approval
- School Aid Budget
 - Revenue Consensus
- Better than Expected Revenue
- Senate Fiscal Agency – Funds Available for Flat Funding (eliminate \$175 cut)
- General Fund Shortfall (watch for shell games)

Assistant Superintendent’s Comments:

Assistant Superintendent McMahon shared that the Consolidated Application and the Title I School Selection applications have been approved by MDE.

Assistant Superintendent McMahon provided an update on CARES Act grant funds. The district is in the process of applying for the second round, called the ESSER Education Equity Fund, which is potentially a little more than \$20,000 for MAS. MAS does not qualify for the third round of CARES Act Funds based upon the percentage of economically disadvantaged students.

Assistant Superintendent McMahon commended the principals for all of the extra work they have been putting into preparations for the start of the year.

Public Comments: None

Board Member Comments:

Board Member Moccio attended the Paddock Zoom Meeting and thought it was well done and went really well.

Board Member Heikka attended the Milan Middle School and the Symons Zoom Meetings and found them to be very helpful to parents. Heikka also expressed her thoughts about the hotspot purchase.

Time of Adjournment: 8:18 p.m.