

**MILAN AREA SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
WORKSHOP MEETING
WEDNESDAY, September 25, 2019**

The workshop meeting of the Milan Area Schools Board of Education was called to order by Vice President Heikka at 7:01 p.m. on September 25, 2019.

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

Board Members Absent: Vershum

Staff Present: Bryan Girbach, Ryan McMahon, Steve Porter

Guests Present: Kim Porter

Pledge of Allegiance

The Board recognized Steve Porter for his 50 Years of Coaching Service at Milan high School and his recent MHSCA Hall of Fame Induction as recognized in Attachment A

Public Comments: None

Motion by Moccio supported by Frait to approve the State of Michigan School Aid Fund Budget Resolution as included in Attachment B. All Ayes. Carried 6-0

Superintendent's Comments:

Students

- The former Athletic Photographer delivered all of the pictures that had been previously ordered and taken. Those packets will be distributed to the students through their coaches this week. Payments that had been made for photos that had not yet been taken were refunded. Arrangements have been made with a different photographer to complete the Fall sports pictures for teams that had not previously been photographed.

Staff

- On Sunday, September 15th, Principal Shinn and Superintendent Girbach attended the Michigan High School Coaches Association Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony held on the Campus of Central Michigan University. Coach Steve Porter was recognized for 50 years of Coaching and was inducted into the Hall of Fame. Congratulations to Coach Porter.

Communication

- The district currently has 892 Twitter followers. That is up 3 from last meeting.
- The district currently has 1,930 Facebook followers. That is up 10 from last meeting.

Board

- Superintendent Girbach presented an update on the District's Diversity Initiative.
- Superintendent Girbach presented an update on the Capital Projects Plan.
- Superintendent Girbach presented an update on the Logo/Mascot Expansion.

Legislative

- On Monday September 23, Superintendent Girbach attended the first WISD Legislative Coffee for the 2019-2020 school year. Trustee Kiger and Trustee Frait were also in attendance. State budget information was shared. The major details are:
 - \$120-\$240 Per Student Increase (\$300,000)
 - More Special Education Funding (Estimated 2% Increase in State Reimbursement)
 - Should Allow County Act 18 Dollars to Cover More of the Un-Reimbursed Costs
 - Increase in At-Risk Dollars
 - Removal of Required Funding Allocations
 - Loss of HS Funding (-\$20,000)
 - Governor's Signature and Line Item Veto
 - Supplemental Budget

General

- Superintendent Girbach held the first MAS Chat on September 16th at The Owl. Twelve community members were in attendance. General information about the district was provided and then the floor was opened to questions, comments, concerns, and compliments. The group had great questions on a fairly wide range of topics. The evening was very positive.
- On Saturday September 21st, Superintendent Girbach attended the Milan Area Schools Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony. Eight individuals and two swimming relay teams were inducted. A huge thank you to everyone who helped plan and conduct the dinner and ceremony.
- The permanent Hall of Fame digital display board has been installed. The media and digital photos displayed on the touch screen device will continue to expand as the uploading of past material is completed. The content can also be viewed online. A link is available on the district's main webpage.
- Superintendent Girbach provided information gained at the Michigan Association of School Administrator's conference that he recently attended.

Assistant Superintendent's Comments:

- Assistant Superintendent McMahon shared that Paddock is going to be featured in a Vocabulary-focused text published by Heinemann. Dr. Tonya Wright is in the process of authoring this text and will be using three different classrooms at Paddock as exemplars. There will be links to video recordings of the three teachers conducting lessons and pictures from an assortment of classrooms for illustrations in the text. Instructional Coach Tracy Terris is assisting Dr. Wright with the local planning and preparation efforts. The recording will be taking place on October 15th and 16th.
- Assistant Superintendent McMahon shared that Instructional Coach Tonya Saragoza has been selected to present at the National Council for Teachers of English Fall Conference

on November 21, in Baltimore, MD. With additional members from the Study of Early Literacy (SOEL) group out of the WISD, Tonya will be presenting about Teacher-Action Research.

Board Member Comments:

- Board Member Kiger attended a MASB sponsored event “Behind the Scenes at the Capital” on September 25, 2019 and shared some of the highlights of the presentation. Kiger also scheduled a meeting with Senator Jeff Erwin to advocate for public education.
- Board Member Landingham attended the Michigan Organization on Adolescent Sexual Health session in support of our LGBTQ students. Landingham would like to have MOASH representatives come to Milan to present an educational session with the Board along with MAS Health Teachers.
- Board Member Frait asked Superintendent Girbach for an update on the NHS Constitution changes.
- The Board discussed a possible date for the full day seminar included in the MASB Strategic Planning process.

Public Comments: None

Time of Adjournment: 8:05 p.m.