

**MILAN AREA SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, October 12, 2016**

The regular meeting of the Milan Area Schools Board of Education was called to order by Vice President Vershum at 7:00 p.m. on October 12, 2016.

Board Members Present: Cislo, Moccio, Kiger (7:35 p.m.), Landingham, Peacock, Heikka (7:30 p.m.), Vershum

Board Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Bryan Girbach, Ryan McMahon, Michelle Cowhy, Anne Foor, Kimberly Gillow, Tonya Saragoza, Melissa Reeves

Guests Present: None

Pledge of Allegiance

Symons Principal, Kimberly Gillow, Tonya Saragoza, and Melissa Reeves presented to the Board regarding the Symons 2016-2017 School Improvement Plan.

Public Comments: None

Motion by Moccio supported by Peacock to approve the consent agenda, which includes: the minutes of the regular meeting of September 14, 2016, the minutes of the special meeting of September 21, 2016, the minutes of the workshop meeting of September 28, 2016, the payment of bills/reimbursement of expenses, and the resolution to levy summer taxes. All Ayes. Carried 6-0

Motion by Peacock supported by Cislo to appoint the following people to the teaching positions listed and Base Salaries listed effective for the 2016-2017 school year.

* Renée Pesheck – Paddock Kindergarten Teacher (\$47,000)

* Heather Morris – Paddock Second Grade Teacher (\$47,000)

All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Motion by Heikka supported by Cislo to approve the Superintendent contract changes as presented in attachment C. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Superintendent's Comments:

Students

- Superintendent Girbach reported the district's pupil counts as follows:
 - 2,140 Budget
 - 2,186 Projected (476 S of C = 22%)
 - 2,181 Fall 2015
 - 2,177 Spring 2016

- Girbach reported that the district received a 100% approval rating on their State of Michigan Bus Inspections for 15th straight years.

Staff

- Girbach reported on the progress of adding additional K and 2nd Grade classrooms. The following information was shared:
 - Parent Meetings Were Held on Wednesday (10-5-16)
 - The Teachers have been Hired
 - The Selection of Students is Complete
 - Parent Notification has been Completed
 - Teachers are Prepping the Classrooms
 - Classroom Open Houses are Scheduled for Thursday, October 13th
 - Students will Visit the Rooms on Friday, October 14th
 - The Classrooms will Open Monday October 17th
- Cheryl Mayher recently completed the requirements to renew her MSBO's Transportation Director's Certification.
- The New Teacher Orientation Session I went very well – Sessions II and III are being scheduled.

Budget

- The Board will receive the Annual Audit Presentation at the October Workshop meeting.

Legislative

- Girbach recommended that the Board keep their eyes open during the Lame Duck Sessions in Lansing.

Board

- Girbach asked if the Open Meetings Act Information he distributed met the needs of the Board.

Board Goals

Girbach gave an update regarding the district's goals. Details are below:

- Diversity Update
 - District Assessment
 - Admin PD
 - Board PD
 - County PD Series – Board Attendance
- 21st Century Skills
 - Milan 21 Met
 - Definitions Being Completed for 21st Century Skills
 - Authentic Learning
 - Project Based Learning
 - Board Presentation Coming Soon
 - MCIS had Very Successful Career Days
- Early Literacy
 - Grades 2, 3, and 4
 - WISD Support has Started

Board Member Comments:

- Board Member Landingham complimented the MHS football players for reading to the Symons students.
- Board Member Heikka stated that she had heard positive comments in the community about the additional classrooms in Kindergarten and Second Grade. Heikka also thanked Mrs. Belhaj for handling a classroom issue with great dignity and respect.
- Board Member Moccio stated that she had heard that Mr. Kudlak is doing well in VanBuren. Moccio also thanked Lindsey Segrist for presenting at a National Conference.
- Board Member Cislo stated that his wife enjoyed being part of the MCIS Career Day interview process.

Public Comments: None

Motion by Heikka supported by Landingham to enter into closed session as allowed by the Open Meetings Act for Periodic Superintendent Evaluation. All Ayes. Carried 7-0.

Time entered closed session 8:12 p.m.

Motion by Cislo supported by Vershum to return to open session. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Time returned to open session 9:22 p.m.

Time of Adjournment 9:22 p.m.