

**MILAN AREA SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
WORKSHOP MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, October 26, 2016**

The workshop meeting of the Milan Area Schools Board of Education was called to order by President Kiger at 7:00 p.m. on October 26, 2016.

**Board Members Present:** Cislo, Moccio, Kiger, Landingham, Peacock, Heikka (7:42 PM), Vershum

**Board Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Bryan Girbach, Michelle Cowhy, Sean DeSarbo, Tracy Terris, Liz Pinkowski, Lisa Mellinger, Molly Jeppesen, Nicole Gerbens

**Guests Present:** German Exchange Students, Host Families and Students, Tracey Kasperek, and Penny LeBlanc

**Pledge of Allegiance**

The German Exchange Students were introduced to the Board by Mrs. Jeppesen and the German Teachers.

Motion by Moccio supported by Cislo to thank the administrators of Milan Area Schools as recorded in Attachment A. All Ayes. Carried 6-0

Paddock Principal, Sean DeSarbo, and Tracy Terris presented to the Board regarding the Paddock 2016-2017 School Improvement Plan.

Nicole Gerbens and Liz Pinkowski presented to the Board regarding differentiation of instruction through the use of technology.

**Public Comments:** Penny LeBlanc thanked Kim Russ (Bus Driver) for helping her son during a difficult time.

Motion by Peacock supported by Cislo to accept the 2015-2016 Annual Audit as presented. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

**Superintendent's Comments:**

**Students**

- An individual community donor has offered to purchase new band uniforms. Mrs. Upton and Superintendent Girbach have been working with a uniform company and they hope to have the uniforms in time for the 2017-2018 marching season.

### **Staff**

- Todd Anderson (Bus Mechanic) is retiring after 30 years of service. We thank Mr. Anderson for his years of dedication to the district.
- John Dyc (Bus Mechanic) was promoted to Head Mechanic and his hourly wage was adjusted accordingly.
- The district will be posting for a part time mechanic.

### **General**

- Mr. McMahan and Mr. Girbach have been participating in a series of 4 webinars in preparation for the district's 5 year AdvancEd visit.

### **Legislative**

- Superintendent Girbach asked the Board to keep an eye out during Lame Duck sessions in Lansing.

### **Board Member Comments:**

- Student Board Member Snyder invited everyone to the MCIS Haunted Halloween presentations.
- Student Board Member Woelmer praised the German Exchange program.
- Board Member Vershum talked about her attendance at the WISD Equity Inclusion Social Justice "How-To" PD Series. She discussed her pride in Milan's progressive view in regards to this topic. Vershum also said she would be updating the Board about the WASB meeting. Verhum discussed the Knights of Columbus Scholarship dinner coming up in January.
- Board Member Kiger talked about her attendance at the Grad Nation event. She discussed her pride in our Diversity Club and their involvement in the program.
- Board Member Peacock thanked Vershum and Kiger for attending the county events on behalf of Milan Area Schools.

### **Public Comments:** None

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

Time entered closed session 9:13 p.m.

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

Time returned to open session 10:12 p.m.

Motion by Heikka supported by Vershum to permanently expel student 2016-2017-1 in accordance with the attached resolution. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Time of Adjournment 10:15 p.m.