

**MILAN AREA SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
WORKSHOP MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, February 22, 2017**

The workshop meeting of the Milan Area Schools Board of Education was called to order by President Kiger at 7:00 p.m. on February 22, 2017.

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

**Board Members Absent:** Heikka

**Staff Present:** Bryan Girbach, Ryan McMahon,

**Guests Present:** Kyle Snyder, Julia Woelmer

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Public Comments:** None

Motion by Cislo supported by Peacock to approve policy updates as presented in Attachments A1, A2, A3, and A4. All Ayes. Carried 6-0

Diversity Priority Work with Shayla Griffin was postponed until March.

**Superintendent's Comments:**

**Staff**

- The district recently purchased new AEDs for each building. A video specific to the new device was sent to all staff members in the district. Nurse Judee and Officer Couture will also be visiting each building during a staff meeting to provide further training for our new devices.

**General**

- Superintendent Girbach and Assistant Superintendent McMahon held data meetings with each of the building principals. Follow-up meetings will be held later in the year as part of their evaluation process.
- On Friday morning, Superintendent Girbach will be participating in the MMS career day.
- On Friday afternoon, Superintendent Girbach will be addressing a regional student teacher seminar.

**Communication**

- The district currently has 451 Twitter followers. That is up 7 from last month.
- The district currently has 1,273 Facebook followers. That is up 4 from last month.

**Legislative**

- The decrease/elimination of the income tax in HB 4001 is simply a political move for the sponsor of the bill. The representative has hopes of being named as the next Attorney

General and sees a tax cut as a positive to his selection. The Governor has already stated that he will not sign the Bill if it passes the House and Senate.

- Superintendent Girbach met with Representative Zemke to discuss the following topics: equal funding (a methodology to get all district equal in 7 years), At-Risk dollars for Hold Harmless Districts (a methodology for those districts to receive limited \$), the decrease/elimination of the income tax, the looming teacher shortage, and several other educational issues.
- Superintendent Girbach spoke with Representative Sheppard to discuss the decrease/elimination of the income tax. Without and major changes being made to HB 4001, Representative Sheppard stated that he would be a NO vote.

### **Board**

- At the March Meeting, the Board will work on their Diversity Goal with Shayla Griffin.
- At the March Workshop Meeting, the Board will meet with City representatives and conduct a periodic evaluation of the Superintendent.
- At the April Meeting, the Board will review a Budget Amendment.
- At the April Workshop Meeting, the Board will work on their Diversity Goal with Shayla Griffin.
- During the May AdvancEd visit, the Board will need to be available at the following times:
  - 11:00 AM on Monday May 8<sup>th</sup> for Board Interviews (3 people)
  - 5:00 PM on Monday May 8<sup>th</sup> for Board Interviews (4 people)
  - 4:30 PM on Wednesday May 10<sup>th</sup> for Board Meeting

### **Assistant Superintendent Comments:**

- Assistant Superintendent McMahon addressed the Board on a recently attended Michigan Testing Conference. McMahon recently held data meetings with the administrators in each of the four buildings and received many positive comments.

### **Board Member Comments:**

- Board Member Vershum spoke on the feedback she received from the 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents regarding 8<sup>th</sup> grade parent night at the High School.
- Board Member Landingham spoke about 8<sup>th</sup> grade parent night base on feedback from a friend. Landingham attended the District Leadership meeting and thought it went very well.
- Board Member Kiger attended the NAAPID at Night event and thought the guest speaker, Dr. Eddie M. Connor, Jr. did an amazing job. Kiger also discussed briefly Board goals and community engagement.

### **Public Comments:**

- Kyle Snyder gave an update on the success of the 8<sup>th</sup> graders visiting the High school. Snyder also gave an update on the MCIS Big Red Talks.
- Julia Woelmer gave the Board information regarding the upcoming High School play “You’re a Good Man Charlie Brown”. Woelmer also informed the Board of some upcoming events taking place on March 2, 2017: High School actors will be acting out

books for the Symon's students and high school students will be attending the High School Band Festival.

**Time of Adjournment:** 8:28 p.m.