

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

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

Board Members Absent: Heikka

Staff Present: Bryan Girbach, Ryan McMahan

Guests Present: Jade Smith, Jill Tewsley, Robert Dietzel

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion by Cislo supported by Landingham to enter into closed session as allowed by the Open Meetings Act for Attorney-Client Communication. All Ayes. Carried 6-0.

Time entered closed session 7:01 p.m.

Motion by Cislo supported by Peacock to return to open session. All Ayes. Carried 7-0 (Board Member Heikka participated in closed sessions via phone. She was not present for any of the other parts of the meeting.)

Time returned to open session 7:27 p.m.

Public Comments: None

Jade Smith, Jill Tewsley, and Bryan Girbach led Board discussion about building City-District partnerships.

Motion by Landingham supported by Peacock to enter into closed session as allowed by the Open Meetings Act for Periodic Superintendent Evaluation. All Ayes. Carried 6-0.

Time entered closed session 8:17 p.m.

Motion by Peacock supported by Vershum to return to open session. All Ayes. Carried 6-0

Time returned to open session 10:09 p.m.

Motion by Vershum supported by Moccio to extend the Superintendent's contract by one year through June 30, 2022. All Ayes. Carried 6-0

Superintendent's Comments:

Students

- The Milan Robotics Team, Code Red, was part of an alliance that took First Place at the St. Joseph First Robotics Competition. The district is very proud of the students and wishes the team well as they compete their way through their season
- The MMS play, Aladdin, survived the weekend without power. Even though Friday night was canceled, they were able to perform their Saturday and Sunday shows. The production was a huge success and the district congratulates the cast and crew for another wonderful middle school play.
- The first weekend of the high school musical, You're a Good Man Charlie Brown, was a huge success. The district congratulates the cast and crew for a great show and wishes them well this coming weekend.

Staff

- Mrs. Kasey Straub (MMS Teacher) recently received a \$500 grant from the MEEMIC Foundation. She plans to spend the funds transforming her room into a more flexible space.

General

- Through planning and preparation by David Kaiser, Steven Brown (NFL, CFL, and Olympic athlete) recently spoke to our freshman, sophomores, and juniors about determination and grit (two important 21st Century Skills). He also spoke to our athletes in the evening about how to be successful in sports and academics. Mr. Brown is currently working on his PhD in Educational Leadership.
- On Monday (3-20-17), Superintendent Girbach spoke at the Ypsilanti Rotary Club. He was proud to speak on behalf of the Milan Rotary Club and Milan Area Schools.
- The new district webpage creation is progressing very well. Mrs. Matley, Mr. Bell, and Superintendent Girbach are in the middle of a three day "boot camp" designed to help develop the page layout. The district plans to launch the new site for the 2017-2018 school year.

Communication

- The district currently has 480 Twitter followers. That is up 17 from last meeting.
- The district currently has 1,302 Facebook followers. That is up 17 from last meeting.

Budget

- Finance Director, Krista Hendrix, is currently preparing the April budget amendment.

Legislative

- Representative Zemke and Representative Sheppard recently visited our elementary schools and read to classrooms during March is Reading Month. We thank the representatives for dedicating time to the students of our district.
- On March 13th, President Kiger and Superintendent Girbach attended the Legislative Coffee at the WISD. Upcoming legislation was discussed.

Board

- 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 8th for Board Interviews (3 people)
 - 5:00 PM on Monday May 8th for Board Interviews (4 people)
 - 4:30 PM on Wednesday May 10th for Board Meeting
- Superintendent Girbach shared two MASB learning opportunities with the Board: a Summer Leadership institute on August 11-13 and a Legislative Conference on May 2.
- Due to a scheduling conflict, our May 24th workshop meeting will be rescheduled to May 31, 2017.
- Superintendent Girbach congratulated Board Member Vershum for achieving her Master and Data Certifications through MASB. Girbach also congratulated Board Member Landingham for her Level 1 certification. It takes time and dedication to accomplish these awards and these two Board Members deserve to be recognized.

Assistant Superintendent Comments:

- Milan Area Schools sent 16 individuals to the MACUL Conference over two days last Thursday and Friday. We had solid representation, delivered three presentations and spent time sharing new resources gained during the conference.

Board Member Comments:

- Board Member Moccio thanked and complimented John Evans for presenting at a Dearborn Public School's elementary reading night. The students were excited to see the animals he brought.
- Board Member Cislo requested an update regarding the Payroll and Benefits posting. Superintendent Girbach provided an update on the hiring process.

Public Comments: None

Time of Adjournment: 10:27 p.m.