

**MILAN AREA SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
WORKSHOP MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, April 26, 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 April 26, 2017.

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

**Board Members Absent:** Moccio

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

**Guests Present:** Kyle Snyder, Julia Woelmer, Shayla Griffin, Mary Jo Callan

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Public Comments:**

Mary Jo Callan introduced herself to the Board as a candidate running for a seat on the WISD Board of Education.

Motion by Landingham supported by Peacock to approve the 2016-2017 April Budget Amendment as provided in Attachment A. All Ayes. Carried 6-0

Motion by Cislo supported by Peacock to renew the Food Service Management Company Contract for the 2017-2018 school year for Chartwells School Dining Service Management Company as described in Attachment B. Further, to authorize the superintendent or designee to sign all necessary documents. All Ayes. Carried 6-0

Motion by Cislo supported by Peacock to approve the Adult Education Graduates, as provided in Attachment C, contingent upon their completion of all requirements. All Ayes. Carried 6-0

Motion by Cislo supported by Peacock to approve the MMS StudySync ELA Curriculum. Further, to authorize the Superintendent or designee to procure the necessary supplies, materials, and training as outlined and estimated in Attachment D. All Ayes. Carried 6-0

Shayla Griffin worked with the Board on their Diversity Priority. Griffin discussed findings from her visits to all 4 Milan School buildings. Griffin also discussed the next steps of the process.

**Superintendent's Comments:**

**Students**

- On Friday (4-21-17) Superintendent Girbach attended a Quarterly South West Washtenaw Consortium (SWWC) meeting. The enrollment for the 2017-2018 school year is looking great.

## **Staff**

- The Michigan Employment Relations Commission (MERC) will be running an election for our MESPA Group. They have “petitioned for a representation proceeding”. The selection between the MEA, local representation, and no representation will take place through mailed paper ballots. The results will be counted on May 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Rebecca Muessig has successfully transitioned into the Payroll Position. The Accounts Payable position has been posted and interviews are underway. In May, Superintendent Girbach plans to bring hiring recommendations for both positions to the Board for approval.

## **General**

- The district’s preparations for the upcoming AdvancEd External Review are progressing well. The District and Building Leadership teams are excited to share their last 5 years of school improvement progress.
- The contract to changing the district’s natural gas “transporter” from DTE to Constellation Energy (a third party) effective May 1, 2017 has been signed. Based on last year’s energy consumption, estimates show that this change could save the district between \$over \$30,000.
- Superintendent Girbach attended a donation ceremony at EMU. WEOC presented EMU with a \$200,000 check to help fund the renovations of Strong Hall. WEOC students attend EMU through the ECA and use the science rooms in Strong Hall. The partnership between WEOC and EMU is a true model of educational cooperation.
- On Friday (4-21-17) Superintendent Girbach attended a monthly Washtenaw Superintendent’s Association meeting. Many county topics were discussed, including the WISD budget.
- Superintendent Girbach and Assistant Superintendent McMahon have been working with the district’s advertising firm to put the final touches on the 2017-2018 summer advertising campaign. The district will be mailing postcards, placing a banner in Briarwood, and purchasing advertising space at High Velocity Sports.
- Superintendent Girbach shared an invitation to an 1899 Milan Public Schools “First Alumni Banquet”. The event took place at the I.O.O.F. Hall. The invitation listed the graduating classes of 1885 through 1899. The document was found while reorganizing the District Storage Room. The document will be given to the Milan Historical Society.

## **Communication**

- The district currently has 496 Twitter followers. That is up 8 from last meeting.
- The district currently has 1,309 Facebook followers. That is up 5 from last meeting.

## **Legislative**

- On April 20<sup>th</sup>, Superintendent Girbach attended a legislative day in Lansing. He heard presentations from the House, Senate, and Executive offices regarding the 2017-2018 School Aid Budget. While Milan Area Schools should receive an increase in funding, the increase will be minimal.

## **Board**

- Superintendent Girbach presented the Board with their National FFA Organization Citation for supporting the Milan Chapter of FFA.
- Superintendent Girbach asked the Board to monitor the Board calendar for year-end events.

- At the May Meeting, the Board will receive a presentation regarding the WISD 2017-2018 budget. They will also begin the election process for the WISD open Board seats.
- At the May Workshop Meeting, the Board will vote on the WISD 2017-2018 Budget, determine their votes for the WISD open Board seats, and conduct the Superintendent's Evaluation.
- 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
- The Board was also invited to the "Superintendent's Overview" AdvancEd presentation on Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM in the MCIS.

**Assistant Superintendent's Comments:**

Assistant Superintendent McMahon commented on the success of New Teacher Orientation which was held on April 17<sup>th</sup>.

McMahon shared the pride Milan Area Schools has because MDE did a video shoot at Paddock Elementary.

McMahon is looking forward to the next MAS district Improvement Team Meeting which will be held on Wednesday May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 4:15pm

**Board Member Comments:**

- Board Member Landingham spoke about her recently attended MASB School Law Workshop on Special Education. Landingham also commended on the manner in which Symons' staff had been accommodating to a student needs.
- Board Cislo attended the WISD Equity Meeting and shared discussions on early literacy and towns with poverty.
- Board Members Cislo and Heikka inquired about the new pool scoreboard.
- Board Members Kiger and Vershum shared about the sessions they attended at the Governor's Summit in Lansing Michigan.
- Student Board Member Woelmer complimented the MHS staff on their reception of a recent Gay-Straight Alliance student presentation.

**Public Comments:** None

**Time of Adjournment:** 9:44 p.m.