

**MILAN AREA SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, May 10, 2017**

The regular meeting of the Milan Area Schools Board of Education was called to order by President Kiger at 4:30 p.m. on May 10, 2017.

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

Board Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Bryan Girbach, Ryan McMahon, Krista Hendrix, Anne Foor, Lon Smith, Jessica Stafford, Kim Rock, Aaron Shinn, Shanna Spickard, Laura Perry, Kim Gillow, Kristina Collier, Kasey Straub, Clara Thiry, Jay Bleifeld, Sean DeSarbo, John Evans, Tracy Terris, Jenni Smith, Allison Jordet, and Molly Jeppesen.

Guests Present: Edlow Barker and Kristin Johnson

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion by Moccio supported by Heikka to thank the teaching staff of Milan Area Schools as recorded in Attachment A. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Dr. Edlow Barker presented to the Board the AdvancEd Exit Report.

Public Comments: None

Motion by Peacock supported by Heikka to approve the consent agenda, which includes: the minutes of the regular meeting of April 12, 2017, the minutes of the workshop meeting of April 26, 2017, the payment of bills/reimbursement of expenses, and the announcement of the 2017-2018 Budget and Truth-in-Taxation Hearing as outlined in Attachment B. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Superintendent Girbach presented the WISD 2017-2018 Budget.

Motion by Peacock supported by Vershum to appoint Melissa Morse as a School Psychologist at an annual salary of \$43,500 effective August 30, 2017 contingent upon completion of all required certifications/licensures. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Motion by Peacock supported by Moccio to appoint Rebecca Muessig as a Payroll/Human Resources Manager at an annual salary of \$46,000 effective immediately. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Motion by Peacock supported by Landingham to appoint Kristin Johnson as a Accounts Payable Coordinator at an annual salary of \$42,000 effective immediately. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Motion by Moccio supported by Peacock to approve the “Resolution to Consider Designation of Electoral Representative for the WISD Biennial Election” as outlined in Attachment E. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Motion by Moccio supported by Peacock that Milan Area Schools will exercise the options permitted by section 105 and Section 105C of the School Aid Act of 1979, as amended by Public Act 300 of 1996 and Public Act 297 of 2000, and for the purposes of Section 105 and Section 105C will accept applications of non-resident students from outside our district who reside within the Washtenaw County Intermediate School District (of which this district is a constituent district) or from residents of school districts located in another contiguous intermediate school districts for enrollment in our school district in grades K-12 for the 2017-2018 school year and will operate a schools-of-choice program in our district in compliance with the statutory requirements of Section 105 and Section 105C regarding unlimited schools-of-choice. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Superintendent’s Comments:

Students

- Paddock hosted Mom’s and Muffins last week. The event was a great success. The students enjoyed bringing their moms to school.
- Symons hosted Flapjacks with Families two weeks ago. The Milan Rotary Club helped the Symons PTO and served pancakes to over 400 people.
- Paddock hosted The Grand Event two weeks ago. The three-day event brought in a tremendous amount of grandparents and community members.
- Milan High School will be hosting a college fair for all Juniors. The class of 2018 is invited to attend the event on Wednesday, May 31st, from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM in the MCIS.
- On Wednesday, May 24th, the students of Symons will be visiting the MCIS to see all of the Senior Symposium projects. Each Senior completed an internship or an ARC project for their final assignment in the MCIS. On May 24th, they will be sharing the details of their experiences.
- The FFA Greenhouse is now open. The hours of operation are Tuesday through Friday 2:30 PM to 6:30 PM, Saturday 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM, and Sunday noon to 5:00 PM. Everyone is welcome to shop for annuals, perennials, and garden vegetables.
- Samantha Maurer is going to be recognized as the Building Trades Outstanding Student at the May 16th SWWC Awards Ceremony

Staff

- Superintendent Girbach thanked the district staff for their continued support of our students. During this week of teacher appreciation, Mr. Girbach wanted to personally thank the entire staff of Milan Area Schools.
- Superintendent Girbach personally thanked the District Leadership Team, the Building Leadership Teams, the Administrative Team, and the entire staff for hosting a very successful AdvancEd External Review. He is proud that the district simply showed the visiting team “who we are day in and day out” and that they were impressed with Milan’s Continuous Improvement Model.

Communication

- The district currently has 502 Twitter followers. That is up 6 from last meeting.
- The district currently has 1,309 Facebook followers. That is up 0 from last meeting.

Legislative

- Superintendent Girbach shared that the House and Senate passed their respective budgets last week. The details are as follows: The Senate passed its School Aid budget, Senate Bill 149, by a vote of 23-15 and the House passed its education omnibus budget (including School Aid, community colleges and universities), House Bill 4313, by a vote of 60-47. There were no substantive changes made to the versions we've been reporting on for the past few weeks. The budgets now switch chambers and the next step is the Consensus Revenue Estimating Conference on May 17. This will set the final revenue projections for the year and the target numbers on which to base the budget. Conference committee members and the final negotiations will begin after that. The Governor would still like to see the budget done by the end of the month. Numerous amendments were offered on the education omnibus in the House, including an attempt to reduce cyber school funding after the first year to the Governor's recommendation, and an attempt by Rep. Pagel (R-Berrien Springs) to keep SAF money for K-12 education only. The amendments failed. Rep. Pagel specifically highlighted how this budget uses \$497 million School Aid Fund for other purposes this year and almost \$3 billion since 2009, which goes against the intent of the voters in Proposal A. Rep. Kelly (R-Saginaw Township) indicated a willingness to have this discussion at the start of the next budget process.

Board

- Superintendent Girbach asked the Board to monitor the Board calendar for year-end events.
- 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.

Board Member Comments:

- Board Member Peacock spoke about the AdvancEd review and asked for some clarification on Mr. Barkers report. Peacock also thanked Mr. Girbach on his hard work in preparing the AdvancEd External Review.
- Board Member Hiekka complimented Paddock's Mom's and Muffins program last week as well as the Flapjacks with Families two weeks ago at Symons. The programs at both schools were a big success and had great parent involvement. Heikka also thought Paddock's Grand Event was a huge success and thanked Lori Knight for her hard work. Lori will be retiring at the end of the school year and will be hard to be replaced. Heikka is sad to see her go.
- Board Member Kiger along with Board Member Moccio thanked Mr. Girbach for the hard work in preparing for the Advanced External Review

Public Comments: Jay Bleifeld, 65 W Chestnut, Petersburg MI, addressed the Board regarding his thoughts on the WISD Budget. Bleifeld also spoke to the Board regarding the difference it makes when a district has a superintendent like Mr. Girbach. He appreciates that any employee

or community member can approach Mr. Girbach with a concern and know that they will be heard. Bleifeld said, "Milan is lucky and not all districts have this privilege".

Time of Adjournment: 6:02 p.m.