

**MILAN AREA SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
WORKSHOP MEETING
WEDNESDAY, June 28, 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 June 28, 2017.

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

Board Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Bryan Girbach, Ryan McMahon, Krista Hendrix, Mary Monroe, Sean DeSarbo, Kimberly Gillow, Tracey Terris, Holly Bella, Sherry Purkiss.

Guests Present: None

Pledge of Allegiance

Sean DeSarbo, Mary Monroe, Tracey Terris, and Holly Bella from Paddock Elementary presented the 2016-2017 School Improvement Plan Summary.

Symons Elementary principal Kimberly Gillow and teacher Sherry Purkiss presented to the Board the Symons' 2016-2017 School Improvement Plan Summary.

Public Comments: None

Motion by Cislo supported by Peacock to approve the 2016-2017 General Fund Budget Amendment as presented in Attachment A. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Motion by Landingham supported by Moccio to approve the 2016-2017 Debt Fund Budget Amendment as presented in Attachments B. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Motion by Cislo supported by Peacock to approve the 2017-2018 General Fund Preliminary Budget as presented in Attachment C. Carried 7-0

Motion by Peacock supported by Vershum to approve the 2017-2018 Food Service Preliminary Budget as presented in Attachment D. Carried 7-0

Motion by Landingham supported by Cislo to approve the 2017-2018 Debt Fund Preliminary Budget as presented in Attachment E. Carried 7-0

Motion by Cislo supported by Peacock to approve the 2017-2018 General Appropriations Act as presented in Attachment F. Carried 7-0

Motion by Peacock supported by Landingham to authorize borrowing up to \$2,000,000 against anticipated state aid for the 2017-2018 fiscal year as specified in the borrowing resolution (Attachment G). Carried 7-0

Motion by Cislo supported by Peacock to approve the 2017-2018 Board Meeting Calendar as provided in Attachment H.

Motion by Cislo supported by Peacock to approve policy updates as presented in Attachments I1, I2, and I3. Carried 7-0

Superintendent's Comments:

Students

- The Milan High School baseball team was named one of six Division 2 All State Academic Teams. The district congratulates the boys on an outstanding academic school year!
- In September, the Board will be recognizing the Boys' Track team and Girls' Softball team for their athletic accomplishments this year.

Staff

- Mary Jo Hess (MMS ELA Teacher) announced her retirement effective June 30, 2017. The district thanks her for her years of service. Superintendent Girbach and Mr. McMahan will be honoring Mrs. Hess by meeting with her and her husband to personally thank her for her service and to deliver her official plaque.
- Aaron Miller (Buildings and Grounds Director) lost his mother last week.
- Renee Pesheck (Paddock Teacher) will not be returning to Milan Area Schools next year.
- Jill Carey (MMS Teacher) will not be returning to Milan Area Schools next year.
- Lon Smith, Krissy Collier, and Superintendent Girbach attended a legal seminar regarding new Student Discipline, Seclusion, and Restraint laws. They then met with the entire Administrative team to make sure that the buildings' student handbooks are aligned to the requirements of the new laws. The district will also be providing training to all employees regarding the new requirements.
- The first round of negotiations with the MEA went very well. The 2017-2018 calendar was discussed and is close to being finalized. Both sides shared some ideas regarding language changes. The next meeting will begin the process of discussing salary and health care.
- Kimberly Gillow, Sean DeSarbo, Ryan McMahan, and Superintendent Girbach have been meeting regarding elementary staffing levels. Ongoing conversations revolve around the number of incoming kindergarteners and the effect the count might have on 2017-2018 K-5 teacher needs.

General

- The district's annual advertising campaign will include a postcard mailing, a banner in Briarwood Mall, a banner in High Velocity, and radio spots on W4 Country. The program is aligned with the strengths of Milan Area Schools (safety, relationships, academics, athletics, extra-curricular, and early literacy). We are inviting everyone to come take a personal tour of our schools with the principals.

Communication

- The district currently has 522 Twitter followers. That is up 0 from last meeting.
- The district currently has 1,327 Facebook followers. That is up 2 from last meeting.

Budget

- Superintendent Girbach met with the district's Kapnick representative to begin exploring BCBS health care options for the district's employee groups. Girbach should have good information prior to the next negotiation date with the MEA. The goal is to decrease the employee contribution without increasing the district's cost or drastically affecting the level of coverage.

Legislative

- The final school-aid-budget is possibly going to be slightly better than the conference report that was shared last week. The highlights for Milan include:
 - \$120 per pupil foundation increase
 - \$25 per 9-12 grade pupil foundation increase
 - \$137,089 in additional at-risk funding
 - unknown effect of MPSERS changes

Board

- The Board will be finalizing the District Priorities at their July and August meetings.

Board Member Comments: None

Assistant Superintendent Comments: None

Public Comments: None

Motion by Moccio supported by Peacock to enter into closed session as allowed by the Open Meetings Act for a negotiation strategies. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Time entered closed session 9:26 p.m.

Motion by Cislo supported by Peacock to return to open session. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Time returned to open session 10:18 p.m.

Time of Adjournment: 10:18 p.m.