

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES**

**MILAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION**

**JANUARY 9, 2017**

**The Board of School Trustees met in regular session at 7:10 p.m. on Monday, January 9, 2017. Attending were Board members Edward Amberger, Michael Brandes, Timothy Tuttle and Douglas Norman. Gregory Lewis was absent. Also attending was Superintendent Jane Rogers and school attorney Larry Eaton. President Edward Amberger presided. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.**

**Mr. Tuttle motioned to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on December 19, 2016. Seconded by Mr. Brandes. Motion carried 4-0.**

**Comments from Patrons/Staff:**

**Varsity football coach, Ryan Langferman, was present with the team captains and senior members in order to celebrate and recognize their accomplishments. Coach Langferman thanked the Board for their support stating the new lights made a big difference on the football field. The young men representing the team and their accomplishments were Jed Minnich-All MIFC; Zac Minnich-State's leader in receiving yards, IFCA Jr. All State, AP All State, All MIFC; Michael Offill-IFCA 1A All State, AP All State Honorable Mention, All MIFC; Blane Beck - #2 in Indiana Passing Yards, AP All State Honorable Mention, All MIFC; Cody Turner-All MIFC, Adam Brinkman-All MIFC; Karl Hoffrogge, Nate Davis, and Jacob Wickersham. Coach Langferman highlighted the past season and concluded by stating 175 young men had participated in the Milan football program this year and his goal was to have over 50 players on the high school squad next year. He thanked the Board again for their support, stated his pride in the football program, and invited the Board to enjoy watching the games next year.**

**Mr. Murphy, middle school principal, Mr. Langferman, high school principal, and Mrs. Hicks, technology instructor, gave a short presentation about the two eLearning (Flex) days from the first semester of school. Mr. Murphy stated the two days used were September 21 and November 2 with students in grades 6-12 participating. He explained the main goal of eLearning days was to 'build**

leadership through responsible learning' and to practice for potential future snow days. He noted this experience is new to Milan and throughout the state of Indiana. It is a program that uses technology for quality instruction time without being in the classroom. He stated teachers created lesson plans in advance and students were to complete the assignments from home on their devices. They had until the next school day at 8:00 a.m. to submit their assignments for credit. Teachers attended school on those days and were available during specified help desk hours. He concluded by stating the majority of the students completed their assignments and this was a big step toward them understanding they need to be responsible to take ownership of their learning experiences.

Mr. Langferman, high school principal, stated the students were surveyed about their experience with the eLearning days, and it was noted the second time went much better than the first. The first time, students who came to school had to remain all day, but the second time, the students could leave upon completion of their assignments. Both times, there were only about fifteen students who were present in the building. He stated 95% of the students had no issues with Wi-Fi at home, and it usually took about one to three hours to complete all seven assignments. 80% of students answering the survey stated they liked the eLearning experience, with the other 20% stating they would rather attend classes with their peers. Mr. Langferman explained when teachers were not manning the help desk, they were attending professional development opportunities on various subjects. He noted that, in the future, if eLearning days were used for snow make up days, it could be on a later date, even on a Saturday, so teachers may devise lesson plans.

In conclusion, it was noted Milan had to apply to the State to participate in the eLearning experience and the elementary did not partake since not all grade levels are issued devices to take home. The process will take a few more years to complete, but Mrs. Rogers stated the elementary will begin involvement next year. Mr. Langferman noted we are leaders in the area of the eLearning experience, but there are still issues to be addressed before asking the Board to devise a policy governing the issue. Mrs. Rogers stated all buses ran their usual routes on the eLearning days to pick up elementary students and any middle school or high school students who wished to attend school those days. She also noted all other normal day activities were observed for those students who

**attended school.**

**Old Business: None**

**New Business:**

**Mr. Norman motioned to approve Mrs. Rogers's recommendation to revise the classified handbook and change one of the holidays for Class 1-5 employees from President's Day to New Year's Eve. Seconded by Mr. Brandes. Motion carried 4-0.**

**Mr. Tuttle motioned to approve Mrs. Rogers recommendation to donate the corporation car, a 2001 Buick Century to the Southeastern Career Center. Mrs. Rogers noted the car had over 183,000 miles on it and needed repairs. Seconded by Mr. Brandes. Motion carried 4-0.**

**Mr. Norman motioned to approve a field trip request from Randy Combs to take eleven 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys' basketball players to a tournament in Washington, Indiana from February 11-12, 2017. This is an overnight event. Seconded by Mr. Brandes. Motion carried 4-0.**

**Mr. Tuttle motioned to approve a conference request for Ryan Langferman, Bryan Beeler, Kyle Sabol and Kevin Dines to attend the Glazier Football Clinic from February 17-19, 2017. The athletic department will pay the registration fees and hotel cost, and the corporation will pay for three subs for one day- approximately \$195.00. Seconded by Mr. Brandes. Motion carried 4-0.**

**Mr. Brandes motioned to approve a fund raising request from Karisa Voss, the 6<sup>th</sup> grade girls' basketball coach, to conduct a one day event for a Free Throw-a-Thon on Saturday, January 21, 2017 for participants in grades 3-8. Seconded by Mr. Norman. Motion carried 4-0.**

**Superintendent's Report:**

**Mr. Rogers expressed how privileged she felt to serve as the superintendent and pledged to do her very best to keep the tradition of excellence at Milan. She noted there was a great deal happening at Milan and all staff members – administrators, teachers, office personnel, aides, custodians, cafe workers, and bus drivers – made up the total Milan team. She stated she was honored to have the opportunity to serve.**

**Personnel:**

**Mr. Tuttle motioned to add a personnel item to the agenda. Seconded by Mr. Brandes. Motion**

carried 4-0.

Mrs. Rogers reported she had accepted the resignation of Gregory Fehring as a corporation bus driver.

Mr. Norman motioned to approve the recommendation of Dr. Reale to employ Todd Callahan to fill the bus driver vacancy on route #10 created by Gregory Fehring's resignation. Seconded by Mr. Brandes. Motion carried 4-0.

**Claims and Financial Report:**

Mr. Brandes motioned to approve vendor checks #39696 through #39757, deposit advice #58215 through #58644, and the financial report. Seconded by Mr. Tuttle. Motion carried 4-0.

**President's Prerogative:**

Mrs. Rogers thanked the patrons for attending, commended Coach Langferman and the football team for their achievements, thanked Mr. Murphy, Mrs. Hicks and Mr. Langferman for the eLearning presentation, congratulated Mr. Norman and Mr. Amberger for being sworn in, and stated she looked forward to working with the Board.

Mr. Tuttle dittoed what Mrs. Rogers had stated, noted it was an outstanding eLearning presentation, stated it had been a good year for football, expressed it was good news the Flex Days had been successful, and welcomed Mrs. Rogers as superintendent.

Mr. Norman stated it was good to be back on the Board and thanked the patrons for supporting him. He congratulated Mrs. Rogers on being named superintendent and Coach Langferman and the football team for their achievements. He concluded it was exciting to see all the good things happening at Milan.

Mr. Brandes thanked the patrons for attending the meeting, congratulated the football team, and congratulated Mrs. Rogers, Mr. Norman and Mr. Amberger and thanked Mr. Eaton for attending the meeting. He stated the eLearning project was awesome and gave a 'shout out' for the student members of the tech team who worked to make this a success.

Mr. Tuttle interjected there are businesses who are seeking employees that are knowledgeable in digital technology and our students are setting themselves up for success. Mrs. Rogers noted there are

**other area schools seeking our help to set up their own student tech teams. Mrs. Hicks stated she is looking into the creation of a sequence plan to educate the students beginning in elementary school.**

**Mr. Amberger thanked everyone for coming. He stated it was great to have the football team and other students in the boardroom to recognize their achievements. He noted we are a leader in eLearning for the State and stated Mrs. Rogers will be a great asset and leader for our corporation.**

**Mr. Tuttle motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Brandes. Motion carried 4-0.  
Meeting adjourned 7:46 p.m.**