

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

MILAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION

MARCH 13, 2017

The Board of School Trustees met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, March 13, 2017. Attending were Board members Edward Amberger, Michael Brandes, Gregory Lewis, Timothy Tuttle and Douglas Norman. Also attending was Superintendent Jane Rogers. President Edward Amberger presided. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. Rogers asked for a moment of silence to honor the life of first grade student Kayden Bushhorn who recently passed away due to health issues.

Mr. Norman motioned to approve the minutes from the executive and the regular meetings on February 13, 2017. Seconded by Mr. Brandes. Motion carried 5-0.

Comments from Patrons/Staff:

Tracey Gobel addressed the Board to highlight the recent dance competition held at the high school and middle school facilities. She thanked the Board for permitting her to lease the facilities to hold the competition, stating over 1200 people had attended the event. She also noted various school and community groups used the event to promote their fundraising projects. She stated how pleased she was with the outcome of the event and expressed her hope the Board would consider her lease for next year.

Old Business:

Mr. Tuttle motioned to approve Policy #3405 – Internal Control Standards and Procedures as presented by Mrs. Rogers at the February meeting. Seconded by Mr. Brandes. Motion carried 5-0.

New Business:

Mrs. Rogers presented information from Scott Richie of FiveStar Technologies concerning the Network Infrastructure Upgrade project to begin in 2018. This was advertised in the local newspapers and six bids were received. Mr. Richie is recommending we approve PCMG as the vendor for the project at a cost of \$84,676.50. He is anticipating receiving USAC/Erate approval later in the year and receiving an 80% discount for the project cost. Mr. Norman questioned since the project was for

2018, if approval was given tonight, would there be leeway for change, if needed. Mrs. Rogers stated she was sure if a problem arose, changes would be handled accordingly. Mr. Lewis motioned to approve the project. Seconded by Mr. Tuttle. Motion carried 5-0.

Mrs. Rogers stated there has been a drainage and standing water problem at the elementary school behind the building and by the playground for several years. She noted Jack Luhring, elementary maintenance supervisor, had received quotes from three companies to remedy the situation— Kunkel Excavating, C&H/M Excavating and Lykins Excavating. Mr. Luhring is recommending approval of the low bid from Kunkel Excavating at a cost of \$15,964.00. He is also requesting approval of Kunkel to complete a downspout project in front of the elementary for an additional cost of \$2652.00. Total cost for both projects is \$18,616.00. Mr. Lewis motioned to approve the recommendation. Seconded by Mr. Brandes. Motion carried 5-0.

Mrs. Rogers recommended the addition of a second readiness kindergarten classroom at the elementary school for the 2017-18 school year. She stated this year we had a classroom of 20 students, and that many or more on a waiting list. She explained there is a need in our community and it is good for the students. She also recommended the 5th grade be relocated to the middle school for the 2017-18 school year, due to growing numbers. The bottom floor of the middle school will be designated as the 5th/6th grade intermediate wing, and the top floor will be designated as the 7th/8th grade middle wing. She noted the 5th grade will have minimal interaction with the higher grades. Mr. Norman motioned to approve both recommendations. Seconded by Mr. Tuttle. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Brandes motioned to approve a field trip request from Ron Prosser, Bryan Beeler and Spencer Purdy to take the 7th grade to French Lick on Friday, May 19th. Two buses are required for this trip that leaves at 7:15 a.m. and returns by 6:00 p.m. Substitute drivers have been obtained on that day for the route drivers. Seconded by Mr. Lewis. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Lewis motioned to approve a request from Alicia Narwold to attend the annual ISHA Convention in Indianapolis from April 20-22. Cost to the corporation will be approximately \$640.00. Seconded by Mr. Tuttle. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Tuttle motioned to approve a fundraising request from Stefani Bedel to permit the high

school band to hold a March-a-Thon on July 3, 2017; and a fundraising request from Josie Weiler to permit the FCCLA to hold a 'Chocolate Tour' in the high school cafetorium on April 29, 2017.

Seconded by Mr. Brandes. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Norman motioned to approve the following lease agreements: A request from Josie Weiler to use the high school cafetorium from 2:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 29, 2017 for the FCCLA Chocolate Tour. She has requested a custodian to be present who will be paid by the corporation; and a request from Tracey Gobel to use various areas of the high school and middle school on February 17 & 18, 2018, to hold the 3rd Annual Dance Competition. She will pay facility and custodial fees as she did this year. Seconded by Mr. Lewis. Motion carried 5-0.

Superintendent's Report:

In Mrs. Rogers monthly report, she congratulated senior Heather Hacker for receiving a 1st place gold medal for her trumpet solo at the State Solo and Ensemble Contest. She noted the first round of ISTEP was completed and 3rd graders would begin the IREAD tomorrow. She highlighted the FFA activities for FFA week held in February, and noted the Tech Tribe is going to the Milan Public Library twice a month to help community members with iPad questions. Mrs. Rogers stated the archery team had qualified for nationals after their outstanding performance in Indianapolis on March 11th. They will be traveling to Louisville in May to compete. The top three female archers were Allie Johnson, Heather Hacker and Erica Johnson; and the top three male archers were Spencer Gammons, Justin Lillis and Evan Smith. She noted Allie scored 5th in the State and received a plaque; and Heather was awarded a \$500.00 scholarship.

Personnel:

Mrs. Rogers reported she had accepted the resignation of Judy White as a varsity cheerleader sponsor effective the end of the 2016-17 basketball season.

Mr. Lewis motioned to approve the retirement of high school math teacher, Linda Hamrick, effective the end of the 2016-17 school year. Seconded by Mr. Brandes. Motion carried 5-0.

Mrs. Rogers outlined the search process for an elementary principal stating the position was posted and applications accepted. A five member committee consisting of herself, a board member, an

administrator and two certified elementary staff members interviewed three applicants. Mrs. Roger and the committee are recommending the employment of Cinda Ahlrich for the position. Mr. Norman motioned to approve Mrs. Ahlrich as the elementary principal. She will be awarded a two year administrative contract beginning July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2019, with an annual salary of \$82,000 and designated benefits. Seconded by Mr. Brandes. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Lewis motioned to approve Mr. Langferman's recommendations to move Melissa Wheeler to the special needs aide position vacated by Jessica Bowling, and to employ Carlene Hixon as the special needs aide for the vacated position of Ms. Wheeler. Seconded by Mr. Tuttle. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Brandes motioned to approve the recommendations from Mr. Prifogle to employ Daniel Fix as boys' middle school track coach; and Tasha Roysden as a volunteer softball coach for the 2016-17 season. Seconded by Mr. Tuttle. Motion carried 5-0.

Claims and Financial Report:

Mr. Norman motioned to approve vendor checks #39848 through #39921, deposit advice #59084 through #59461, and the financial report. Seconded by Mr. Brandes. Motion carried 5-0. Mr. Norman commented the new baseball fencing looked really good.

President's Prerogative:

Mrs. Rogers congratulated Mrs. Ahlrich, and Mrs. Gobel on a successful dance competition.

Mr. Tuttle dittoed what Mrs. Rogers said, and congratulated the archery team on their success.

Mr. Lewis congratulated Mrs. Hamrick on her retirement and the newly hired employees. He requested prayers for the family of Kayden Bushhorn and for the family of elementary teacher, Carla Holt, who recently lost her sister.

Mr. Norman congratulated Mrs. Ahlrich. He stated he was very impressed with all the quality sports offerings at Milan, and proud of all our academic and athletic accomplishments.

Mr. Brandes congratulated Mrs. Ahlrich, the dance teams, and the archery team and thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. He stated moving the 5th grade to the middle school was a big

step, but one in the right direction, and the addition of another readiness kindergarten classroom was also.

Mr. Amberger congratulated Mrs. Ahlrich and dittoed what everyone had stated.

Mr. Lewis motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Norman. Motion carried 5-0.

Meeting adjourned 7:27 p.m.