

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

MILAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION

JUNE 19, 2017

The Board of School Trustees met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, June 19, 2017. Attending were Board members Edward Amberger, Gregory Lewis, Douglas Norman, Timothy Tuttle and Michael Brandes. Also attending was Superintendent Jane Rogers. President Edward Amberger presided. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Norman motioned to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on May 15, 2017. Seconded by Mr. Brandes. Motion carried 5-0.

Comments from Patrons/Staff:

Mrs. Rogers introduced varsity softball coach, Yatzie Roysden, who highlighted the achievements of the softball team for the year. It was noted the team won the sectional, the ORVC conference title, and tied for their most wins ever with twenty wins for the season. He stated he looked forward to the start of the next season. Mrs. Rogers commented she enjoyed watching the team as they displayed grit and hustle on the field and great character off the field. The Board congratulated the team on their accomplishments.

Patron, Linda Baker, commented on how awesome the band tour always is, and how great the students are with their interaction with the clients at the health care facilities. She stated some younger people do not care to be around older people, but the band members are amazing to watch as they do their best to share their time with the senior citizens. She also stated the Board should recognize representatives Randy Frye and Chip Perfect for fighting to keep various monies in the area, rather than go to Indianapolis. Mrs. Baker had questions concerning the size of the 2017-18 high school social studies classes and the need for another teacher. Mr. Norman responded by noting Mr. Stephen Gookins, who had served as an interim superintendent, taught the Board to be diligent and watch for 'blimps', and look for long term effects, rather than short term events. Mrs. Rogers stated hiring the new social studies teacher was based on the upcoming high school class sizes which were all around 100 each.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Mrs. Rogers introduced Bob Haun from Trane who gave a brief overview of the energy savings program that began in May of 2016 and was designed to improve the buildings and save energy costs. He noted the energy savings for the one year period was almost double the baseline projected savings. He commented the maintenance staff was following the recommendations from Trane and had not reported any issues. He stated they were very knowledgeable about the systems. He assured the Board he will return at a later date with the year-end report that is submitted to the State. The Board thanked Mr. Haun for his presentation.

Mrs. Rogers requested approval of the 2017-18 revised student handbooks as presented by the principals. She noted one revision is a new attendance policy for grades K-6 whereby the county probation department is active in helping to improve attendance. Mr. Tuttle motioned to approve the handbooks. Seconded by Mr. Brandes. Motion carried 5-0.

Mrs. Rogers requested approval of the 2017-18 updated Chromebook policy handbook. The major change in the policy is expectations for safely using the camera on the Chromebook which is now activated at all times. Mr. Norman motioned to approve the policy. Seconded by Mr. Lewis. Motion carried 5-0.

Mrs. Rogers requested approval to enter into a contract with NEOLA to revise and develop corporation bylaws and policies. She stated it would be a year-long process and was recommended by our school attorney, Larry Eaton. Board members noted this process had been talked about in the past and we were the only local school that was not using NEOLA. Mrs. Rogers stated NEOLA will help get all of our policies updated, and we will work with them on a monthly basis. She noted we have flexibility and will be able to give input on the policies. The initial cost for the contract will be \$10,000. Mr. Tuttle motioned to approve the request. Seconded by Mr. Lewis. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Brandes motioned to approve revised policy #6625 Student Wellness. The policy was revised to meet state requirements and will be renamed School Wellness. Seconded by Mr. Norman. Motion carried 5-0.

Mrs. Rogers presented the proposed 2017-18 book bills and fees schedule. She noted this schedule will be available to parents via PowerSchool and they can pay bills through EZPay. She noted the book bill format has been revised to make it consistent for all grades. She stated the kindergarten fees are more expensive because these students will be receiving new iPads, rather than older, used models. There is no multi-student discount, but low income families are eligible to apply for free/reduced lunch and free books; but they will be responsible for fees. Mr. Norman motioned to approve the book bill/fee schedule. Seconded by Mr. Tuttle. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Lewis motioned to approve a request from Stefani Bedel to take the high school band on the Goodwill Tour to Branson, Missouri from March 14-17, 2018; and a request from Mike Allen and Rhea Miller to allow 15 members of the archery team to travel to Orlando, Florida for the World Archery Tournament from July 21-22, 2017– transportation will be via parents. Seconded by Mr. Brandes. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Lewis motioned to approve the following conference requests: Jessica Small-Summers to attend an AP Physics Summer Institute in Indianapolis from July 11-14, cost \$1161.65; Judy White to attend the NWEA Fusion Conference in Indianapolis from June 20-22, cost \$931.00; and Ryan Langferman, Pat Murphy and Cinda Ahlrich to attend the IASP Fall Conference in Indianapolis from November 19-21, cost for Mr. Langferman and Mr. Murphy will be approximately \$545.00, and Mrs. Ahlrich will be \$281.00. Seconded by Mr. Tuttle. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Brandes motioned to approve the following fundraising requests: The Elementary Character Counts Club to sell designer balls for \$10.00 each from August 25-September 8, as a service project; the varsity soccer team to hold a cornhole tournament at Mancino's Pizza in Greensburg on July 29; and the varsity cross country team to sell popsicles at the 4th of July festivities. Seconded by Mrs. Norman. Motion carried 5-0.

Superintendent's Report:

Mrs. Rogers highlighted events from the month of May. She congratulated Jessica Small-Summers for being named the STEMStar of the month by Genesis Pathways, noting she does a wonderful job with the AP classes at the high school. She noted Derik Marshall had been hired as the

new director of the Career Center, since Brad Street is retiring as of June 30th. She proudly commented on the graduation ceremony noting there were 87 graduates, 23 graduating with honors, 30 will be attending a four year college, 16 will be attending a 2 year college; and 32 received college credit through Ivy Tech. She noted ISTEP scores would be released this upcoming Friday and parents could access their student's results online. She expressed her appreciation for the many teachers who recently attended the Digital Splash seminar at Batesville High School. She ended by stating the drainage project and new telephone system project were underway and progressing.

Personnel:

Mrs. Rogers reported she had accepted the resignations of Celeste Herzog as an elementary cafeteria staff member, Kristen Honeycutt as an elementary special needs aide, and Zach Wade as the girls tennis coach, all effective the end of the 2017-18 school year.

Mr. Lewis motioned to approve Mr. Murphy's recommendations to employ Micaela Johnson as a 5th grade English teacher and Eric Feller as a 7th/8th grade math teacher; and Mr. Langferman's recommendations to employ Fernando Gomez-Gordillo as the high school Spanish teacher and Brian Ethan Voss as a high school math teacher. Seconded by Mr. Norman. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Norman motioned to approve Mr. Prifogle's recommendation to employ Timmi Elbright and Krisha Robbins as varsity cheerleading sponsors. Seconded by Mr. Brandes. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Tuttle motioned to approve Dr. Reale's recommendation to employ Annaleisa Powers as a corporation bus driver. She will take over route #8 from retired Delbert Drew. Seconded by Mr. Brandes. Motion carried 5-0.

Claims and Financial Report:

Mr. Lewis motioned to approve vendor checks #40060 through #40168, deposit advice #60397 through #60853, and the financial report. Seconded by Mr. Tuttle. Motion carried 4-1, with Mr. Norman opposed. Mr. Norman stated he wants the claims included in the Board packet rather than receive them the night of the meeting.

President's Prerogative:

Mrs. Rogers congratulated the new staff members, thanked Mr. Haun for sharing his information, and thanked the Board for their efforts to take care of our children.

Mr. Tuttle dittoed what Mrs. Rogers stated and thanked Yatzie Roysden for a good job and a great season, congratulated the new hires, and told Mr. Haun he looked forward to his final report.

Mr. Lewis thanked everyone for attending, congratulated the spring athletes, stated it was a great graduation ceremony and wished everyone a safe summer.

Mr. Norman thanked everyone for attending and congratulated the softball team.

Mr. Brandes congratulated the softball team, commented on the band and archery team activities, and thanked everyone for coming.

Mr. Amberger thanked everyone for attending and thanked Mrs. Rogers for always giving a great monthly report highlighting the academic and athletic achievements of the students.

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

Meeting adjourned 7:41 p.m.