

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE BOARD OF FINANCE

MILAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION

JANUARY 16, 2012

The Board of School Trustees met in session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, January 16, 2012, to convene the organizational meeting of the Board of Finance, as prescribed by State law.

Attending were Board members Douglas Norman, Gregory Lewis, Timothy Tuttle, and Edward Amberger. Randy Kirk was absent. Also attending was Superintendent Dr. Thomas Reale.

Board president Douglas Norman presided. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Amberger motioned to appoint the Board president and the Board secretary as the designated officers of the Board of Finance. Seconded by Mr. Lewis. Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Amberger motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Tuttle. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned 7:05 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

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JANUARY 16, 2012

The Board of School Trustees met in regular session at 7:05 p.m. on Monday, January 16, 2012. Attending were Board members Douglas Norman, Gregory Lewis, Timothy Tuttle, and Edward Amberger. Randy Kirk was absent. Also attending was Superintendent Dr. Thomas Reale. Board president Douglas Norman presided.

Mr. Lewis motioned to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on December 19, 2011.

Seconded by Mr. Amberger. Motion carried 4-0.

Comments from Patrons/Staff:

Middle school teacher, Linda Oelker, stated the middle school was holding a 'souper bowl' competition. The 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students will compete to see which class brings in the most cans of soup to donate to the local food pantry. The winning class will be rewarded with a bowling party.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Mr. Lewis motioned to approve the following conference requests: (1) Mr. Hurst to attend the IMEA Professional Development Conference in Ft. Wayne on January 20th and 21st. Cost to the corporation will be approximately \$265.00. (2) Mr. Prifogle to send 2 teaching coaches and 5 lay coaches to the Glazier Clinic in Indianapolis from January 26th – 28th. The athletic department will pay for all expenses except the substitute teachers. Seconded by Mr. Tuttle. Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Amberger motioned to approve the following fundraising requests: (1) The wrestling team to sell suckers at wrestling meets, and before and after school, from January 16th – February 16th. (2) The middle school and high school student athletes to sell the peelers originally slated for the senior club from February 20th – March 2nd. The seniors are no longer going to do this fundraiser, since the senior trip has been cancelled. (3) The Milan Band Boosters to have a Magic Show on the evening of March 15th.

Seconded by Mr. Lewis. Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Lewis motioned to approve the 2011 transfers of appropriations as presented by corporation treasurer, Gretchen Berger. Seconded by Mr. Tuttle. Motion carried 4-0.

Dr. Reale presented policy proposal #6580 – *Early Graduation* for a first reading. This policy was suggested by high school principal, Paul Ketcham, and states: “Milan High School students shall be permitted to graduate after their seventh semester in high school if they meet the following conditions: 1. Apply by May 1st of their junior year. 2. Complete all graduation requirements by the end of the first semester of their senior year, to include passing any state-mandated assessments. 3. If applicable, be in receipt of any transfer credits from other accredited schools or approved online courses before the commencement of the eighth semester. Any student who does not meet all requirements listed above must have a schedule of classes for the second semester of the senior year. Students graduating after seven semesters shall be permitted to participate in the regular graduation ceremony at the end of the senior year, if they meet all other requirements for participation.” Mr. Amberger questioned athletic status and it was noted if a senior graduated at the end of seven semesters, athletic eligibility would be terminated. Mr. Norman asked if a student could enroll in a second semester class in order to keep athletic status and was told this was not an option. It was noted students taking AP classes would not be eligible for mid-term graduation. Mr. Tuttle stated he approved of this policy, since he graduated mid-term in 1979 and it gave him a jumpstart on his career. Board members were asked to study the policy, direct any questions or concerns to Dr. Reale, and be prepared to vote on the policy at the February meeting.

Superintendent’s Report:

Dr. Reale reported on the deteriorating condition of the original ’53 and ’54 banners that hang in the high school gym. He noted Mr. Prifogle had been investigating the situation and came up with two possible solutions. Mr. Prifogle found a professional restoration company in Indianapolis that will restore the banners for an approximate cost of \$18,000.00. The other alternative would be to have replica banners made at a cost of \$2000.00. He commented the Indiana Historical Society agreed to store the original banners for one year at no charge. Ray Baurley from the ’54 Museum was present and stated this topic had recently been discussed. It was suggested a committee be formed to get the community

involved in the decision. Patron, Linda Baker, volunteered to join the committee, as did Dr. Reale and Mr. Norman. They will meet with the members of the '54 Museum on Saturday, January 21st, to start a dialog. Any interested community member was invited to attend the meeting.

Personnel:

Dr. Reale informed the Board he had accepted the resignation of Tressa Day as the corporation bus driver for route #14.

Mr. Lewis motioned to approve Jerrid McDonald as the boys' varsity track coach. Seconded by Mr. Tuttle. Motion carried 4-0.

Claims and Financial Report:

Mr. Tuttle motioned to approve vendor checks #34407 through #34486, payroll checks #21759 through #21898, deposit advice # 36448 through #36675, and the financial report. Seconded by Mr. Amberger. Motion carried 4-0. Mr. Lewis questioned the energy consumption with the new savings devices. Dr. Reale noted the results were inconclusive at this point and we would get our money back if the situation didn't change. He stated he was working with the company and talking to them every month.

President's Prerogative:

Dr. Reale stated the second semester was off to a good start and it had been a smooth year, so far. He commented the State had still not sent an approved budget.

Board members thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Mr. Tuttle motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Amberger. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned 7:31 p.m.