

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

MILAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION

JANUARY 14, 2013

The Board of School Trustees met in regular session at 7:14 p.m. on Monday, January 14, 2013. Attending were Board members Edward Amberger, Timothy Tuttle, Gregory Lewis, Randy Kirk and Jason Honeycutt. Also attending were Superintendent Dr. Thomas Reale and school attorney, Larry Eaton. President Timothy Tuttle presided. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Lewis motioned to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on December 17, 2012. Seconded by Mr. Amberger. Motion carried 5-0.

Comments from Patrons/Staff:

Karen Schmitt, middle school instructional aide, addressed the Board asking if they had given any consideration to upgrading security at the schools, since the incident in Connecticut. Dr. Reale stated that he, the principals, and Mr. Ferguson were reviewing the emergency response plans in order to see where security could be increased. He stated the possibility of seeking grants for physical alterations to the high school and middle school were being investigated, whereby entrance would be similar to the elementary so that visitors would have to enter the front office before they could gain entry to the building proper. Mr. Tuttle requested Dr. Reale have something to present to the Board at the February meeting. Mr. Kirk asked if any of the teachers were interested in carrying guns. The possibility of security guards and/or utilizing police officers was also discussed.

Elementary teacher, Carla Holt, stated most teachers can tell which students will cause major problems in the future. She was upset, stating these troubled children are not receiving the help they need in our schools, but the system hides behind the rules and regulations of special education and mental health. She stated these children are unusually violent and aggressive, but instead of thinking of the best interest of the child, parents fight the schools to keep them in the school system.

Old Business:

Dr. Reale stated last month the Board was presented with two options for a 2013-14 school calendar. Mr. Amberger commented the people he had talked to preferred a calendar similar to the one used this year. Mr. Tuttle stated his personal thought was the option 2 calendar with one week fall break worked best for Milan. Mr. Kirk motioned to table a decision on the calendar until the February meeting. Seconded by Mr. Amberger. Motion carried 5-0.

Dr. Reale stated last month he had given the Board a revision to policy #9250 – Fundraising, for a first reading, and asked for their approval. Mr. Lewis motioned to approve the policy as written. Seconded by Mr. Amberger. Motion carried 5-0.

New Business:

Dr. Reale stated last month he had given the Board new policy #3550 – Corporation Credit Card Use - for a first reading, and asked for their approval. Mr. Lewis motioned to approve the new policy. Seconded by Mr. Amberger. Motion carried 5-0.

Dr. Reale stated last month he had given the Board new policy #4150 – Professional Dress for a first reading, and asked for their approval. It was stated there are no currently no issues with staff dress. Mr. Lewis motioned to approve the policy. Seconded by Mr. Amberger. Motion carried 5-0.

New Business:

Mr. Kirk motioned to approve the following field trip requests: Anita Boggs' to take 45 members of the FFA to the Farm Machinery Show in Louisville, Kentucky on February 14th; and Stefani Bedel's to take 60 members of the high school band on tour to Nashville, Tennessee from April 26th – 28th. Seconded by Mr. Lewis. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Amberger motioned to approve the following fundraising requests: the boys' basketball teams to host the 2013 Southern Indiana State Tournament games for the Northeast Regional for grades 3 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 on February 9th and 10th. (Saturday and Sunday), the basketball program will pay custodial fees from the profits; the elementary PTO will have the students sell items from Little Caesar's from January 17th – February 1st, profits will be used for the library project; and the middle

school cheerleaders will hold a Valentine's Dance on Saturday, February 9th. They will pay approximately \$17.00 for custodial restroom clean-up. Seconded by Mr. Lewis. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Kirk motioned to approve a lease agreement for MIST to use the pool on February 9th for their Lapalooza. They will pay approximately \$17.00 for custodial clean-up. Seconded by Mr. Lewis. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Kirk motioned to approve a resolution permitting corporation treasurer Gretchen Berger to continue paying 2012 bills from 2012 appropriations and to encumber appropriations for bills created in 2012 and payable in 2013. Seconded by Mr. Amberger. Motion carried 5-0.

Superintendent's Report:

Dr. Reale stated Debra Hackman and Linda Hyde were no longer driving the career center routes. He noted five other drivers had expressed an interest in driving these routes – Ken Lewis, John Brandt, Susan Starkey, Luann Konradi, and Sandy Smith – so the routes were divided evenly among them. He stated this saves the corporation money since they will not be paid the \$10.00 pre-trip inspection, because they are also running regular routes. He noted the career center routes will be offered to all drivers on an annual basis.

Dr. Reale informed the Board he had received the preliminary budget from the State and although there were reductions in certain areas, we should be fine for the upcoming fiscal year.

Personnel:

Mr. Lewis motioned to approve Jacquelynn Steele to serve Emily Halcomb's maternity leave. Seconded by Mr. Kirk. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Lewis motioned to approve Steven Stirn as the boys' 8th grade basketball coach. Seconded by Mr. Kirk. Motion carried 5-0.

Dr. Reale stated Debra Hackman and Linda Hyde had, at separate times, been reassigned to route #15, but had failed to report for duty. Therefore he stated they must have decided to end their employment with Milan. He also noted he had accepted the resignation of Brian Henkel as reserve baseball coach.

Mr. Lewis motioned to approve Carol Kimla as a school bus driver. She will be assigned to

route #15. Seconded by Mr. Amberger. Motion carried 5-0.

Claims and Financial Report:

Mr. Amberger motioned to approve vendor checks #35518 through #35602. payroll checks #23629 through #23773, deposit advice #39297 through #39572, and the financial report. Seconded by Mr. Kirk. Motion carried 5-0.

President's Prerogative:

Dr. Reale welcomed Mr. Honeycutt to the Board and wished him a successful four-year term serving the students, staff and patrons of Milan.

Mr. Honeycutt stated he was looking forward to working on the Board.

Mr. Amberger welcomed Mr. Honeycutt and thanked everyone for attending. He stated school security is top priority and something the Board needs to look at carefully.

Mr. Lewis thanked everyone for attending, asked for prayers for Nancy Hershman's family, wished the students a great second semester, noted the winter sports were doing well, and wished everyone a good evening.

Mr. Tuttle welcomed Mr. Honeycutt, stating he hoped he would find it a rewarding and worthwhile experience. He asked for everyone to keep Nancy's family in their prayers, hoped everyone could make it to the various sporting events, and asked for support for the upcoming 8th grade chili supper.

Mr. Kirk motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Amberger. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.