

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

**MILAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION**

**APRIL 15, 2013**

The Board of School Trustees met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 15, 2013. Attending were Board members Timothy Tuttle, Gregory Lewis, Edward Amberger, Randy Kirk, and Jason Honeycutt. Also attending was Superintendent Dr. Thomas Reale. President Timothy Tuttle presided. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Amberger motioned to approve the minutes of the regular and executive meetings on March 11, 2013, the special and executive sessions on March 18, 2013, and the public hearing and executive sessions on April 8, 2013. Seconded by Mr. Kirk. Motion carried 5-0.

**Comments from Patrons/Staff:**

Middle school instructional aide, Karen Schmitt, addressed this Board with a complaint about not being able to chaperone her son's 5<sup>th</sup> grade field trip. She noted she had talked to Mr. Murphy and Dr. Reale, but wasn't satisfied with their responses. Mr. Tuttle stated the Board would take this under advisement and look at things that have been done in the past and maybe some things would change when the new administration begins.

**Old Business:**

Dr. Reale stated the Board had heard presentations at the last regular meeting, and at the March 18<sup>th</sup> meeting, the principals explained why they thought employing Five-Star Technologies for our technology needs was the best long term solution, since Mr. Sturgeon had resigned his position as director of technology. Dr. Reale recommended approval of a one year contract at \$8000 per month, to begin July 1, 2013. He noted the contract can be terminated at no cost with a 30 day notice. The company will also work with Mr. Sturgeon on a part time basis during the month of June at a cost of \$2000.00. Mr. Lewis motioned to approve the contract. Seconded by Mr. Honeycutt. Motion carried 5-0.

**New Business:**

Dr. Reale informed the Board the State had sent a memo to the cafeteria managers mandating an increase in lunch prices, since Milan has the lowest price in the area. The elementary would like to raise

their price to \$1.60 and the high school/middle school to \$1.75; adult lunches would be \$2.50. Mr. Amberger motioned to approve the increase. Seconded by Mr. Kirk. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Kirk motioned to approve the following fundraising requests: From Mrs. Bedel – (1) HS Band members to sell magazine subscriptions from August 20 – September 4; (2) MS Band members to sell candy bars from October 22 – November 15; (3) HS Band members and Band Boosters to sell raffle tickets for various items from November 18 – December 2. (B) From the 8<sup>th</sup> grade sponsors: (1) 8<sup>th</sup> Graders to sell raffle tickets for various items from September 23 – October 7; (2) 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents to hold the annual chili supper on a chosen Friday before a basketball game; and (3) 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> graders to sell butter braids and cookie dough from February 21 – March 10. Seconded by Mr. Lewis. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Kirk motioned to approve a lease agreement for MIST to use the pool at various times from May 1 – July 31. There will be no charge unless the pool is used during evening hours or weekends, then it will be \$17.00 per hour for custodial clean up. Seconded by Mr. Amberger. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Lewis motioned to approve the reading textbook adoption recommendation from the elementary committee to use *Treasures* from Macmillan McGraw-Hill. The committee consisted of teachers Melissa Sanders, Stephanie Siemer, Robbi Gray, Cinda Ahlrich, David Wall and Judy White; and parents Heather Thomas and Monica Strzok. Seconded by Mr. Kirk. Motion carried 5-0.

Dr. Reale stated with the motion to hire Five-Star Technologies for technology support services, he recommended elimination of the positions of director of technology and computer technician, effective July 1, 2013. He noted Karen Hunter (computer tech) would be offered another position for which she is qualified if it becomes available. Mr. Kirk noted employing Five-Star was not a reflection on the people who had applied for the director of technology position. Dr. Reale stated he would contact the applicants about this matter. Mr. Kirk motioned to eliminate the two positions. Seconded by Mr. Lewis. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Kirk motioned to approve a resolution to transfer \$130,000 from transportation, \$30,000 from bus replacement, and \$32,000 from general fund to the rainy day fund. This will bring the total in the rainy day fund to \$901,000. Seconded by Mr. Amberger. Motion carried 5-0.

**Dr. Reale presented an athletic contract with *Adidas* that Mr. Prifogle would like approved. The contract states *Adidas* will provide mandatory athletic apparel to the coaches, other promotional products, and the players will get a 30% discount on *Adidas* sportswear. Players are not required to buy from *Adidas*. Mr. Amberger motioned to approve the contract. Seconded by Mr. Honeycutt. Motion carried 5-0.**

**Dr. Reale requested permission to apply for a Common School Fund Loan to fund the remainder of the 1-to-1 technology initiative. He noted the \$100,000 loan has a low interest rate of 1%, and can be paid back over a five-year period. He explained how this would be a better option than tapping into the rainy day fund, because it ensures book rental fees will not have to be raised when the students obtain school provided computers. Mr. Kirk motioned to approve the request. Seconded by Mr. Lewis. Motion carried 5-0.**

#### **Superintendent's Report:**

**Dr. Reale reported the newly renovated '54 Museum will have its 'Grand Opening' on June 8<sup>th</sup>. He recently met with the '54 committee and they made several requests. On the afternoon of the 8<sup>th</sup>, they plan to have a reconstruction of the victory parade from the high school to the museum with the '54 players riding in vintage convertibles. They have requested the high school band march as frontrunners to the cars. Dr. Reale has talked to Mrs. Bedel and she has agreed to this request. They would like high school students to be in charge of street games on Carr Street. Dr. Reale stated this would be a good community service project for the Student Council or the National Honor Society. The committee plans to use the high school gym to host a movie viewing on this day; they will show either the original '54 game, or *Hoosiers*. The events of the day will conclude with a sock hop in the high school gym and the athletic department will be in charge of concessions. Dr. Reale also stated the '53 and '54 banners have been fully restored and are ready to hang. He noted the restorers recommend the banners be encased in glass or Plexiglas to prevent damage and protect the investment, and he informed the Board this would cost approximately \$4000. He noted the Rising Sun Foundation granted us \$17,000 to restore the banners and he asked the Board to consider contributing corporation money for the enclosure project. He stated he will ask for permission to**

proceed at the May meeting.

**Personnel:**

**Mr. Amberger motioned to approve a three-year superintendent contract for Paul Ketcham to begin July 1, 2013. Seconded by Mr. Kirk. Motion carried 5-0.**

**Dr. Reale stated a ten-member committee had interviewed four people for the position of high school principal. He commented the consensus of the committee, and he concurred, was to employ Ryan Langferman for this position. Mr. Kirk motioned to approve a two-year contract for Mr. Langferman to begin July 1, 2013. Seconded by Mr. Lewis. Motion carried 5-0.**

**Mr. Langferman thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve the schools. He stated he had been a Milan student and a teacher, and now he will be an administrator. He remarked he believed in the school and the community.**

**Mr. Ketcham stated he felt humbled to be in this position. He noted he was excited and appreciative of the opportunity to continue to work with staff, parents and students.**

**Dr. Reale presented Mr. Ketcham's recommendation to employ Andrew Miller to fill the math teaching vacancy from Rick Koch's retirement. Dr. Reale noted Mr. Miller had student taught under Alecia Fryman and she highly recommended him for this position. Mr. Kirk motioned to approve Mr. Miller. Seconded by Mr. Amberger. Motion carried 5-0.**

**Dr. Reale informed the Board he had accepted the retirement of Norma Newton as high school treasurer effective May 31, 2013. He also noted per the anticipated long term cost-savings plan, the duties of the high school and middle school treasurer will be combined.**

**Dr. Reale presented a recommendation from Mr. Ketcham to create the position of corporation data coordinator and employ Norma Newton for the position. She would prepare and submit the numerous state reports that are due monthly and be paid approximately \$7500 - \$8000 per year. This is not a service of Five-Star Technologies, and Mrs. Newton already is familiar with many of the reports. Mr. Kirk motioned to table the recommendation. Seconded by Mr. Honeycutt. Motion carried 4-0-1, with Mr. Lewis abstaining.**

**Claims and Financial Report:**

**Mr. Lewis motioned to approve vendor checks #35805 through #35914, deposit advice #40284 through #40841, and the financial report. Seconded by Mr. Kirk. Motion carried 5-0.**

**President's Prerogative:**

**Dr. Reale congratulated Mr. Ketcham on his new position and wished him good luck. He stated he looked forward to working with him. He also congratulated Mr. Langferman stated he was an outstanding individual and a wonderful choice for the position.**

**Mr. Honeycutt congratulated Mr. Ketcham and Mr. Langferman.**

**Mr. Amberger congratulated Mr. Ketcham and Mr. Langferman and thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He commended Mrs. Healy and Mrs. Jackson on the outstanding job they had done at the recent career day. He noted it was top notch and he was very impressed.**

**Mr. Lewis congratulated the two administrators and wished them good luck. He wished everyone an enjoyable spring.**

**Mr. Tuttle congratulated the administrators and thanked everyone for attending.**

**Mr. Amberger motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Kirk. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.**