

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

MILAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION

OCTOBER 21, 2013

The Board of School Trustees met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, October 21, 2013. Attending were Board members Timothy Tuttle, Edward Amberger, Gregory Lewis, and Randy Kirk. Jason Honeycutt was absent. Also attending was Superintendent Paul Ketcham. President Timothy Tuttle presided. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Lewis motioned to approve the minutes of the budget public hearing and the regular meeting on September 16, 2013, and the executive session on September 26, 2013. Seconded by Mr. Amberger. Motion carried 4-0.

Comments from Patrons/Staff: None

Old Business: None

New Business:

Mr. Kirk motioned to approve the following lease agreements: (1) Margaret Mary Health requests the elementary hallways be open to the public from November 4, 2013 to May 2, 2014 for the walking program. No charge; (2) Milan Community Dollars for Scholars requests the use of the elementary cafeteria and kitchen for the annual turkey dinner on October 27, 2013. Since the money earned is given back to our students via scholarships, the corporation will pay for cafeteria and custodian time. There will be no charge to the foundation. Seconded by Mr. Amberger. Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Kirk motioned to approve the following fundraiser requests: (1) The Best Buddies group sponsored by Suzette Amelung and Alyssa Parr to sell pies from Market Day during October and November to fund their activities.; (2) the girls' basketball team to sell Lady Indian basketball t-shirts from September 13, 2013 – March 14, 2014; (3) the girls' basketball team to hold a free-throw-a-thon during the month of November; (4) the MHS wrestling team parents to hold a silent auction during the tournament on December 7th; (5) the FFA to have the annual fruit sales from

November 4th – 22nd; and (6) the boys' basketball team to hold a mattress sale at the high school on November 9 and 10. Seconded by Mr. Lewis. Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Lewis motioned to approve changing the dates of the 8th grade Washington, D.C. trip from May 12-18, 2014 to May 19-25, 2014. Seconded by Mr. Kirk. Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Kirk motioned to amend the agenda to include a graduation waiver request. Seconded by Mr. Amberger. Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Ketcham presented a graduation waiver request for a student who would be awarded a 2012 diploma and count on that year's graduation rate. He noted this student had completed eight semesters. Due to health issues, the student did not pass the math ECA, but the successive test scores showed improvement. Mr. Kirk motioned to approve the waiver. Seconded by Mr. Amberger. Motion carried 4-0.

Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Ketcham informed the Board we had been awarded a \$45,000 grant from the Rising Sun Foundation towards our 1-1 initiative. He praised the teacher members of 'Team Ripley' for writing the grant.

Mr. Ketcham gave an overview of the successful teacher professional development day on October 11th, stating it was run entirely by the building teachers. They conducted breakout sessions about different technology uses and shared ideas between buildings. Mr. Ketcham's focus is on vertical alignment and making all three buildings a team, rather than individual entities. He noted he had received a great deal of positive feedback from the staff.

Personnel:

Mr. Ketcham reported he had accepted the resignation of Hershel Byrd as a high school – elementary school custodian.

Mr. Kirk motioned to approve the following extracurricular recommendations: (1) Tony Clark for 5th grade boys' basketball coach (no stipend); (2) Charles Robbins for 6th grade boys' basketball coach (no stipend); (3) Jeff Stutler for 7th grade boys' basketball coach; (4) Randy Combs for 8th

grade boys' basketball coach; and (5) Judy White and Kris Bushhorn as shared duty coaches for the elementary spell bowl team. Seconded by Mr. Amberger. Mr. Kirk questioned Mr. Ketcham, asking why the 5th and 6th grade basketball positions were not paid. Mr. Ketcham stated he thought it was part of the plan that was approved several years ago that deleted stipends for some of the extracurricular positions. He also noted that added stipends would have to be negotiated with the teachers' union. He told Mr. Kirk and the Board he would investigate and give them further information at the November meeting. Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Amberger motioned to approve Todd Callahan as a middle school custodian to replace Tim Agapie; David Allen to a new position of four-hour custodian at the high school to clean the cafeteria, band room and choir room; and James Buck as an elementary custodian to replace Hershel Byrd. Seconded by Mr. Kirk. Motion carried 4-0.

Claims and Financial Report:

Mr. Amberger motioned to approve vendor checks #36399 through #36487, deposit advice #42588 through #42959, and the financial report. Seconded by Mr. Kirk. Motion carried 4-0.

President's Prerogative:

Mr. Ketcham stated the school year was going well with great things happening.

Board members thanked patrons for attending and the Rising Sun Foundation for the grant.

Mr. Kirk motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Amberger. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned 7:18 p.m.