

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

MILAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION

NOVEMBER 18, 2013

The Board of School Trustees met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, November 18, 2013. Attending were Board members Timothy Tuttle, Edward Amberger, Gregory Lewis, Randy Kirk, and Jason Honeycutt. 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 regular and special meetings on October 21, 2013, and the executive session and special meeting on November 4, 2013. Seconded by Mr. Kirk. Motion carried 5-0.

Comments from Patrons/Staff:

Linda Baker commented about the article in the local newspaper about local schools receiving monies from a safe school grant to provide school resource officers. She questioned why Milan had not applied for the grant. Mr. Ketcham stated he would address this issue under the Superintendent's Report.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Mr. Kirk motioned to approve the following conference requests: (1) Rebecca Low to attend a Smekens conference in Indianapolis January 8-9, 2014 on ISTEP and English – cost would be \$458.00; (2) Stefani Bedel to attend the Midwest Clinic-International Band Conference in Chicago from December 18-21, 2013 – cost would be \$420.00; and (3) Brandy Bastin and Zach Wade to attend a Smekens conference in Indianapolis January 8-9, 2014 on ISTEP and English – Brandy will attend the reading session on the 8th and Zach will attend the writing session on the 9th – cost would be \$458.00. Seconded by Mr. Amberger. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Lewis motioned to approve using \$94,625 from the Rainy Day Fund to settle the teacher sick day buy down in the new master contract. Seconded by Mr. Honeycutt. Motion carried 5-0.

Superintendent's Report:

At the October meeting, the question was asked as to why the 5th and 6th grade basketball coaches did not receive a stipend. Mr. Ketcham informed the Board that according to the master contract, 6th grade basketball coaches receive a stipend, but 5th grade coaches are volunteers.

Mr. Ketcham informed the Board the 64 Chromebooks purchased through a grant, had been delivered to the high school and middle school. The principals are giving each teacher one to work on and become familiar with before they are distributed to the students.

Mr. Ketcham informed the Board the 32 iPads and cart purchased through a grant had been delivered to the elementary and were awaiting imaging before they are circulated to the students.

Mr. Ketcham stated at the December meeting, teachers will give demonstrations on digital classroom displays and explain the technology concepts that will be used.

Mr. Ketcham stated in December he will bring a proposal to the Board to relocate the special education room at the high school.

Mr. Ketcham informed the Board he will bring a proposal in January 2014 to apply for a grant for a school resource officer and other safety measures, plus the use of \$25,000 matching fund money from the Rainy Day fund.

Mr. Kirk asked when the iPads would be in use and if they had keyboards attached. Mr. Ketcham stated the iPads needed to be imaged, then they would be put on the carts. He noted this should be done within the next two weeks. He also stated there would be no keyboards for the iPads at the elementary level.

Personnel:

Mr. Amberger motioned to approve Luke Roy as the freshmen boys' basketball coach, and Danielle Schaeffer as an assistant swim coach. Seconded by Mr. Kirk. Motion carried 5-0.

Claims and Financial Report:

Mr. Lewis motioned to approve vendor checks #36488 through #36587, deposit advice #42960 through #43326, and the financial report. Seconded by Mr. Amberger. Motion carried 5-0.

President's Prerogative:

Mr. Ketcham stated the school year was almost at the halfway mark and it had been a good year so far. He commented he was excited to have the teachers bring the classroom technology updates to the December meeting.

Board members thanked patrons for attending and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Mr. Kirk motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Amberger. Motion carried

5-0. Meeting adjourned 7:10 p.m.