

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

**MILAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION**

**APRIL 21, 2014**

**The Board of School Trustees met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 21, 2014, at Milan Elementary School. Attending were Board members Timothy Tuttle, Gregory Lewis, Edward Amberger and Jason Honeycutt. Randy Kirk was absent. Also attending was Superintendent Paul Ketcham. President Timothy Tuttle presided. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.**

**Mr. Honeycutt motioned to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on March 10, 2014, the executive meetings on March 10, 2014, March 31, 2014, and April 14, 2014, and the special meeting on April 14, 2014. Seconded by Mr. Amberger. Motion carried 4-0.**

**Comments from Patrons/Staff:**

**Mr. Ketcham introduced high school principal, Ryan Langferman. Mr. Langferman stated there would be a presentation from the German Club on their trip over spring break, and also presentations from the German II class, the child development class and the art class on technology uses in the classrooms.**

**German teacher Linda Hamrick and student Lindsey Prozanski presented a slideshow about the trip to Germany. They noted it was a wonderful, whirlwind, nine day trip for the eleven participants and thanked Dr. Thomas Reale for coordinating the event. They described the locations from the slideshow and stated they visited sites in Berlin and Munich, and also ventured into Poland and Austria.**

**Mrs. Hamrick then presented a segment of a news broadcast spoken in German, featuring students Cierra Core and Dillon Richardson.**

**FACS teacher Lauren Siefert and student Taiya Robbins demonstrated how technology was used in the classroom to develop and implement plans for a fictitious preschool. It was noted the students had to create a student handbook with procedures for the many different aspects of running the preschool facility which included a mission statement, curriculum, food policies, etc. Miss Siefert stated it was a great way to use technology resources in the classroom.**

**Art teacher Alyssa Parr and students Graci Wyatt and Lindsey Prozanski presented a slideshow from *The Memory Project*. Miss Parr stated this volunteer project connected Milan art students with an**

underprivileged child in Cambodia. She noted 12 art club members participated, whereby they were given a photograph of a child and they created a hand drawn portrait of that child to send to them. The slideshow depicted the child and the portrait from the art student. Miss Parr stated for some of the children, it was the first picture of themselves they had ever gotten and it was heartwarming to see their response. She expressed how proud she was of the participating students, and noted technology played a major part in being able to do this project.

Mr. Ketcham noted these presentations were just a few examples of how technology is broadening our lives.

**Old Business:**

Mr. Lewis motioned to approve the PLC proposal for a Wednesday, 30 minute early dismissal in the 2014-15 school year. He reiterated this would be a time for weekly professional development and collaboration for the teachers. Mr. Lewis motioned to approve the proposal. Seconded by Mr. Amberger. Motion carried 4-0.

**New Business:**

Mr. Amberger motioned to approve a conference request from Suzette Amelung to attend the National Down's Syndrome Annual Convention in Indianapolis from July 11-13, 2014. Total cost to the corporation will be \$310.00. Seconded by Mr. Honeycutt. Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Lewis motioned to approve the following lease agreement requests: (1) MIST to use the pool on various dates from May 1 to July 25, 2014. The elementary office has noted times the pool will not be available. MIST will pay for any custodial fees incurred after the regular summer working hours; and (2) Tracey Gobel to use a gym for Indianettes practice on May 17<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Mr. Prifogle will determine which gym is available and let Tracey know in early May. There will be a charge for custodial assistance. Seconded by Mr. Amberger. Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Ketcham informed the Board that during the initialization of the PLTW program, a Perkins Grant had been used to procure a tool engraver printer, but this expensive piece of equipment was not being utilized due to its complexity. He requested permission to bid out the engraver and get fair market value for the sale of it. He noted he will keep the Board informed of all bid prices. Mr. Lewis motioned to approve the sale of the engraver. Seconded by Mr. Amberger. Motion carried 4-0.

**Mr. Ketcham informed the Board that plans were underway for this summer, to move the high school special needs room back to the space currently used as a wrestling area. With this in mind, he requested permission to construct an activity center building behind the middle school in the area by the red barn. This building would be used by the wrestlers, the archery club, softball and baseball teams, and other community activities. Mr. Amberger motioned to approve the construction of the building. Seconded by Mr. Honeycutt. Motion carried 4-0.**

**With the approval of the activity center building construction, Mr. Ketcham asked for approval for *The Poole Group* to be the construction managers and engineers for the project. Mr. Honeycutt motioned to approve this request. Seconded by Mr. Amberger. Motion carried 4-0.**

**Superintendent's Report:**

**Mr. Ketcham stated there had been a high school/middle school roof replacement plan in place several years ago, but during the budget cuts, it had been set aside. He explained that now it was going to be necessary to do some major roof replacement due to leaking. He stated he would bring three bids for the repairs to the Board at the May meeting.**

**Personnel:**

**Mr. Ketcham stated he had accepted the resignations of the following personnel: Edward Wagner as social studies teacher (effective the end of the 2013-14 school year) and varsity football coach (effective March 10, 2014), James Buck as 2<sup>nd</sup> shift elementary custodian, effective the end of the day on March 21, 2014; Wesley Edwards as high school special needs aide effective the end of the day on April 25, 2014, and Beth Mathes as an elementary teacher effective the end of the 2013-14 school year.**

**Mr. Lewis motioned to approve the recommendation of Mrs. Rogers to employ Andrew Young as an elementary teacher for the 2014-15 school year. Seconded by Mr. Amberger. Motion carried 4-0.**

**Mr. Amberger motioned to approve Ken Schmidt as a volunteer baseball assistant (recommended by Coach Stutler); and Kelly Ferriera as a volunteer softball assistant (recommended by Coach Roysden). Seconded by Mr. Lewis. Motion carried 3-1 with Mr. Honeycutt opposed.**

**Mr. Ketcham stated there was an opening for a second shift custodian at the middle school and requested permission to hire for this position. He noted a recommendation would be brought to the Board at the May meeting. Mr. Amberger approved the permission to hire. Seconded by Mr. Honeycutt. Motion carried 4-0.**

**Mr. Lewis motioned to add an agenda item to employ a social studies teacher/varsity football coach. Seconded by Mr. Amberger. Motion carried 4-0.**

**Mr. Ketcham introduced Robert Page to the Board as Mr. Langferman's candidate for social studies teacher, and Mr. Prifogle's recommendation for varsity football coach, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Edward Wagner. He noted Mr. Page is a highly decorated coach and has excellent credentials. Mr. Amberger motioned to approve the employment of Mr. Page. Seconded by Mr. Lewis. Motion carried 4-0. Mr. Page thanked the Board for giving him the opportunity to lead the football program. He noted Milan was a great place with a great tradition and a passion to do things the right way. He stated he was glad to be a part of the school community and was eager to get started.**

#### **Claims and Financial Report:**

**Mr. Lewis motioned to approve vendor checks #36930 through #37015, deposit advice #44881 through #45441, and the financial report. Seconded by Mr. Amberger. Motion carried 4-0.**

#### **President's Prerogative:**

**Mr. Ketcham thanked Mr. Langferman, his staff and the students for their presentations and the community for their continued support.**

**Board members thanked everyone for attending the meeting, the teachers and students for their presentations and welcomed Mr. Page.**

**Mr. Amberger motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Honeycutt. Motion carried 4-0.  
Meeting adjourned 7:34 p.m.**