

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

MILAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION

SEPTEMBER 15, 2014

The Board of School Trustees held a public hearing at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, September 15, 2014, for the purpose of the 2015 capital projects plan hearing, the 2015 bus replacement plan hearing, and the 2015 budget hearing. Attending were Board members Edward Amberger, Timothy Tuttle, and Jason Honeycutt. Randy Kirk was absent. Also attending was Superintendent Paul Ketcham. Board president Timothy Tuttle presided. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Ketcham reviewed the three-year capital projects plan and highlighted the major expenses. He noted line by line allocations explaining what the funds could be used to pay.

He then gave an overview of the 2015-26 bus replacement plan, noting the present plan replaces one to three buses every year to keep the fleet up to date.

He presented the estimated 2015 budget, stating his plan was to appropriate \$8,300,000 for the general fund. This amount is not necessarily what will be spent from this fund, it could be less.

Mr. Ketcham ended his presentation by stating he would ask the board to adopt the CPF and the bus replacement plan at the regular meeting.

Timothy Tuttle opened the floor for comments or concerns.

Jerry Gauck had questions concerning the utility bills and Mr. Ketcham explained the funding for these.

Helen Huffman questioned if new buses would have seat belts. It was noted school buses are one of the safest modes of transportation and seat belts would limit passenger capacity, therefore making the need for a bigger fleet necessary. (Mr. Lewis entered the meeting at 6:42 p.m.)

There being no further business, Mr. Honeycutt motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Amberger. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned 6:43 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

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SEPTEMBER 15, 2014

The Board of School Trustees met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, September 15, 2014. Attending were Board members Gregory Lewis, Edward Amberger, and Jason Honeycutt. Randy Kirk was absent due to vacation. Also attending was Superintendent Paul Ketcham. President Timothy Tuttle presided. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Amberger motioned to approve the minutes from the August 18, 2014 work session, regular meeting and executive session, and the August 25, 2014 executive session. Seconded by Mr. Honeycutt. Motion carried 4-0.

Comments from Patrons/Staff:

Mr. Jerry Gauck had a question about missing board minutes on the website. Mr. Ketcham assured him they would be posted by the end of the week.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Mr. Amberger motioned to approve the following lease agreements: Lisa Baugh, on behalf of USA Swimming, to use the pool for practices on various dates from October 1 – March 30. There will be no charge; and Donna Pitts, on behalf of Dollars for Scholars, to use the elementary cafeteria from 7:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, October 26th for the annual turkey dinner. There will be no charge and the corporation will pay for custodial help. Seconded by Mr. Lewis. Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Lewis motioned to approve the following field trip requests: Anita Boggs to take 5 FFA members to the National FFA Convention in Louisville, Kentucky from October 29 – 31; and Todd Yates and Carol Jackson to take 40 members of the senior class to New York City from March 15 – 20, 2015. This is the first week of Spring Break and they will be able to go even if these are snow make up days. Seconded by Mr. Honeycutt. Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Lewis motioned to approve the following fundraising requests: (1) Josh Blankinship to hold the annual basketball golf scramble on September 7th; and the senior class to (a) hold a chicken dinner and raffle before Homecoming on September 19th, and (b) sell spirit t-shirts from October 3rd -17th. Seconded by Mr. Amberger. Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Honeycutt motioned to approve the following conference requests: (1) Brian Moline to attend an AP English/Language conference at Butler University on November 25 – cost \$295.00; (2) Judy White and Robbi Gray to attend ELA Standards workshops at Sunman-Dearborn Schools on October 27, November 10, December 1, January 12 and February 9 – cost approximately \$548.75 each; (3) Jennifer Block to attend a Math Standards 3-5 conference at the Wilson Center September 29 and 30 – cost \$261.65; (4) Melissa Sanders to attend a Math Standards K-2 conference at the Wilson Center October 28 and 19 – cost \$261.65. (5) Stefani Bedel to attend The Midwest Band & Orchestra Clinic in Chicago, Illinois from December 17-20 – cost \$405.00. (6) Brenda Schwering to attend the 2014 ISCA Fall Conference from November 6-7 – cost \$277.00. Seconded by Mr. Amberger. Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Honeycutt motioned to accept a \$978.98 donation from The Friends of Football to be used towards the completion of the press box. Seconded by Mr. Amberger. Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Amberger motioned to approve a request from Pamela Holbert and Gayle Healy to re-establish the FCA club at the high school/middle school. Seconded by Mr. Lewis. Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Lewis motioned to approve a request from Mr. Ketcham to designate Friday, February 13, 2015 and Monday, February 16, 2015 as snow make up days. Seconded by Mr. Honeycutt. Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Amberger motioned to add a resolution to approve the CPF and bus replacement plan to the agenda. Seconded by Mr. Lewis. Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Amberger motioned to approve a resolution to approve the capital projects plan and a resolution to approve the bus replacement plan. Seconded by Mr. Lewis. Motion carried 4-0.

Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Ketcham informed the Board September 12th was count day and attendance had increased from last year's count day. He noted there would be another count day in February.

Personnel:

Mr. Ketcham stated he had accepted the resignations of Bethany Roberts as an elementary] special needs aide and Debra Johnson as elementary school yearbook sponsor.

Mr. Honeycutt motioned to approve the unexpected retirement of school bus driver, Ken Lewis, effective September 11, 2014. It was noted Mr. Lewis had driven for the corporation for 35 years. Board members thanked him for his service and wished him well. Seconded by Mr. Lewis. Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Lewis motioned to approve the following classified recommendations: Jill Mezger and Christen Hanson as elementary special needs aides; Luann Konradi change from route #4 to route #6, Irene Thielmann change from route #8 to route #4, Pamela Proctor be employed for route #8, and Kim Bauman be employed as a sub bus driver; Ashley Hoffman for the 4 hour custodial position at the high school; and Patricia Kohrman, Deborah Calvert and Sandi Loudon as subs for the elementary cafeteria. Seconded by Mr. Amberger. Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Amberger motioned to approve the following extracurricular recommendations: Cinda Ahlrich as the elementary yearbook sponsor; Spencer Purdy as co-sponsor of the middle school student council; and Danielle Baylor as a volunteer volleyball assistant Seconded by Mr. Honeycutt. Motion carried 4-0.

Claims and Financial Report:

Mr. Honeycutt motioned to approve vendor checks #37410 through #37501, deposit advice #46952 through #47324, and the financial report. Seconded by Mr. Amberger. Motion carried 4-0.

President's Prerogative:

Mr. Ketcham and the Board again expressed their appreciation to Mr. Lewis for his many years of service to the corporation and offered their best wishes for a happy retirement.

Mr. Amberger motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Lewis. Motion carried 4-0.

Meeting adjourned 7:15 p.m.