

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

MILAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION

JANUARY 12, 2015

The Board of School Trustees met in regular session at 7:10 p.m. on Monday, January 12, 2015.

Attending were Board members Gregory Lewis, Timothy Tuttle, Edward Amberger, Jason Honeycutt, and Michael Brandes. Also attending was Superintendent Paul Ketcham and school attorney, Larry Eaton. President Gregory Lewis presided. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Tuttle motioned to approve the minutes from the December 15, 2014, regular meeting.

Seconded by Mr. Amberger. Motion carried 5-0.

Comments from Patrons/Staff: None

Old Business: None

New Business:

Mr. Honeycutt motioned to approve a fundraising request from Todd Yates to permit the high school student council to sell cans of *Crush* with a Valentine's message for \$1.00 from February 9-12. Seconded by Mr. Amberger. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Amberger motioned to approve a conference request from Paula Karsteter to attend the IMEA conference in Fort Wayne on January 16, 2015. Cost to the corporation will be approximately \$334.00. Seconded by Mr. Brandes. Motion carried 5-0.

Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Ketcham informed the Board that Thursday, January 15th there is a community meeting in the high school gym from 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. being hosted by the three guidance counselors. This meeting will address important strategies to protect the family. Some of the issues discussed will be peer pressure and substance abuse. This informational meeting should be beneficial to students, parents, and community members.

Personnel:

Mr. Ketcham stated he had accepted the resignations Heather Dudgeon as the pre-school bus aide and Michael Zinz as the elementary maintenance supervisor.

Mr. Tuttle motioned to approve the recommendation of Dr. Reale and Mr. Murphy to employ Mary Tuttle as the pre-school bus aide and middle school instructional aide. Mrs. Tuttle will assist in the middle school between runs with the pre-school. There are no benefits associated with this position. Seconded by Mr. Amberger. Motion carried 5-0.

Claims and Financial Report:

Mr. Tuttle motioned to approve vendor checks #37752 through #37818, deposit advice #48540 through #48976, and the financial report. Seconded by Mr. Amberger. Motion carried 5-0.

President's Prerogative:

Mr. Ketcham congratulated the newly elected members and stated he was proud of the school board. He remarked it was a rewarding job to be superintendent with a Board that put the best interests of the students first.

Mr. Brandes thanked everyone for attending the meeting, and those who supported him in his bid for Board member. He stated he looked forward to serving on the board.

Mr. Honeycutt congratulated Mr. Brandes, Mr. Lewis and Mr. Tuttle and stated he looked forward to working with the other board members.

Mr. Amberger dittoed what Mr. Brandes and Mr. Honeycutt stated.

Mr. Lewis congratulated Mr. Brandes and Mr. Tuttle. He thanked Mr. Tuttle for serving as president for the past several years. He thanked the administrators and all the other employees for all the hard work they do and wished everyone a safe winter.

Mr. Tuttle congratulated Mr. Brandes and Mr. Lewis. He noted it was a pleasure to serve on the Board and looked forward to working with all the other members. He stated that due to the diligence and hard work of Paula Karsteter in writing a grant, the Rising Sun Regional Foundation had awarded the high school \$20,000 to improve the softball fields at the town park. He thanked Mrs. Karsteter for her efforts.

**Mr. Amberger motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Brandes. Motion carried 5-0.
Meeting adjourned 7:18 p.m.**