

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

MILAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION

MARCH 9, 2015

The Board of School Trustees met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, March 9, 2015.

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

Mr. Brandes motioned to approve the minutes from the February 9, 2015 regular and executive meetings. Seconded by Mr. Amberger. Motion carried 4-0.

Comments from Patrons/Staff: None

Old Business: None

New Business:

Mr. Ketcham requested approval to accept the donation of a 2006 Ford Explorer from the Dearborn County Board of Commissioners. This vehicle will be used mainly by the SRO for home visits, the maintenance department for equipment pick up, and occasionally by the athletic department. Mr. Honeycutt motioned to approve the donation. Seconded by Mr. Brandes. Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Brandes motioned to approve the Friendship State Bank and United Community Bank as official depositories for corporation monies. Seconded by Mr. Amberger. Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Honeycutt motioned to approve the following fundraisers: The MES PTO to hold their Little Caesar's pizza sale from February 24 - March 9, 2015; the middle school cheerleaders to conduct 2 semi-formal dances on April 4th, 2015 - the 6th grade dance will be held from 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. and the 7th/8th grade dance will be held from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. – both dances to be held in the high school cafeteria (custodial costs will be paid by the corporation); the FCCLA to sell plants from Circle W Greenhouse from March 31 -April 21, 2015; and the FACS classes to sell items from Century Brochures (pizza, pretzels, candy) from March 31 - April 17, 2015. Seconded by Mr. Amberger. Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Amberger motioned to approve the following conference requests: Cody Kohrman to attend CPO training from February 25-26, 2015 at a cost of approximately \$435.00; and Brandy Hicks to attend an educational tech summit on April 11-12, 2015 at a cost of approximately \$375.00. Seconded by Mr. Honeycutt. Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Brandes motioned to approve a field trip request from Josie Weiler to take eight students to the FCCLA State Leadership Conference in Indianapolis from March 8-10, 2015. Seconded by Mr. Honeycutt. Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Amberger motioned to approve a lease agreement for MIST to use the high school cafetorium on March 9, 2015 for their swim banquet, at no cost. Seconded by Mr. Honeycutt. Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Honeycutt motioned to revise the classified handbook to include a 2nd shift MS/HS custodial maintenance position with a starting salary of \$13.00 per hour and a job description as prepared by Mr. Ketcham and Mr. Henkel. Seconded by Mr. Brandes. Motion carried 4-0.

Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Ketcham informed the Board on March 3, 2015, a team consisting of Mrs. Rogers, Mrs. Grills, Mrs. Hicks and he, made a presentation to the IDOE in the hopes of receiving a \$100,000 technology grant. He was proud to announce he received word on this day, Milan had been awarded the grant. He thanked all the staff members who were part of Team Ripley, the administrators, and all the other staff members who worked behind the scenes to make this possible.

Mr. Ketcham proudly informed the Board the State released graduation rates and Milan had achieved a 94.1% rating. He noted this is the highest it has been for the past five years. He gave kudos to all those who helped to achieve this statistic and awarded a 'Triangle of Excellence' lapel pin to Mr. Langferman.

Personnel:

Mr. Ketcham stated he had accepted the resignations of Edward Pasko as Spanish teacher at the end of the 2014-15 school year, Krystal McBride as an elementary instructional aide as of March 13, 2015, and Pam Proctor as a corporation bus driver as of March 13, 2015.

Mr. Amberger motioned to approve the retirement of high school custodial, Beth Redwine, at the end of the 2014-15 school year. Seconded by Mr. Brandes. Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Honeycutt motioned to approve the employment of Jeffrey Wickersham to the position of MS/HS 2nd shift custodian/maintenance with a start date of March 2, 2015, and Wendy Whittington for the high school cafeteria. Seconded by Mr. Brandes. Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Brandes motioned to approve Gayle Healy as the reserve softball coach, and Ken Schmidt and Nick Lohrum as co-coaches for the reserve baseball team. Seconded by Mr. Amberger. Motion carried 4-0.

Claims and Financial Report:

Mr. Amberger motioned to approve vendor checks #37885 through #37957, deposit advice #49526 through #49727, and the financial report. Seconded by Mr. Honeycutt. Motion carried 4-0.

President's Prerogative:

Mr. Ketcham again congratulated all those who worked on the technology grant, stating how proud he was of them.

Mr. Brandes thanked everyone for attending the meeting, congratulated the school community for acquiring the technology grant, and thanked Mrs. Redwine for her many years of service.

Mr. Amberger commented the technology grant was fantastic news, congratulated Mr. Langferman on the graduation rate and thanked Mrs. Redwine for her 27 years of service to the school.

Mr. Lewis thanked all the retirees for their service and wished them a long, healthy and happy retirement and stated he was glad to see the improvement in the graduation rate

**Mr. Amberger motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Honeycutt. Motion carried 4-0.
Meeting adjourned 7:24 p.m.**