

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

MILAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION

APRIL 20, 2015

The Board of School Trustees met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 20, 2015.

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

Mr. Tuttle motioned to approve the minutes from the March 9, 2015 regular and executive meetings, and the April 13, 2015 executive session. Seconded by Mr. Brandes. Motion carried 5-0.

Comments from Patrons/Staff: None

Old Business: None

New Business:

Mr. Ketcham introduced Steve Renihan and Debbie McQueen from Seitz Insurance Agency in Lawrenceburg. Ms. McQueen presented the Board with information on the casualty/liability insurance and workers compensation. She explained that Milan was in a trust pool with other schools for the workers compensation program and the anticipated rate for this year would be \$18,808. This will cover any expenses incurred and the administration costs if there are any claims. She stated the casualty/liability renewal cost for the upcoming year would be \$62,421. She remarked the total savings of Wright versus Indiana Insurance had been \$33,800 for last year. She noted our overall loss experience for the past year had been minimal and they have had no concerns. Mr. Tuttle commented this was a very positive cost avoidance. Mr. Honeycutt motioned to approve Seitz Agency to renew the policies with Wright for the period of May 1, 2015 – May 1, 2016. Seconded by Mr. Amberger. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Ketcham introduced Nate Wolske from Five Star Technology, the company that provides our IT support. Mr. Wolske stated in the upcoming year, Milan will progress from 700 student devices to over 1000 student devices. Currently, Five Star provides one technician to Milan on a daily basis. He stated in order to be efficient and maintain quality service, the goal was to provide one tech per 750 devices. He presented a proposal whereby Milan would share a desktop technician with South Ripley. This person

would work 20 hours per week at each school corporation and provide lab and everyday assistance. Mr. Ketcham stated he supported this proposal and the \$27,000 for the half-time technician would be paid with a technology grant. He noted South Ripley had already approved the agreement and this individual would be mainly at our elementary school next year. Mr. Wolske assured the Board there would be flexibility in the schedule of the new technician in case of unforeseen circumstances. Mr. Tuttle motioned to approve the agreement as presented. Seconded by Mr. Brandes. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Ketcham introduced Amy Streator the executive director of the Ripley County Community Foundation to the Board. Ms. Streator gave an overview of the purpose of the Foundation and how it operates. She encouraged the Board to approve the Milan Community Schools Education Endowment Fund, in conjunction with the RCCF. This fund would provide a means for tax deductible deductions to be made on behalf of the schools to be used at the discretion of a community Board of Directors. Mr. Brandes motioned to approve the creation of the endowment fund. Seconded by Mr. Tuttle. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Amberger motioned to accept a \$2399.04 donation from EcO15 to be used to purchase a 3D laser printer for the high school PLTW program. Seconded by Mr. Honeycutt. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Amberger motioned to approve the following conference requests: Judy White and Shannon Morris to attend an Educational Tech Team Indiana Summit Google for Education at Franklin High School April 11-12 – cost \$1225.00; Alicia Holtkamp to attend the ISHA 2015 Spring Convention in Indianapolis April 23-25 – cost \$500.60; and Anita Boggs to attend a Greenhouse Operations and Management Short Course in Earth City, Missouri June 23-25 – cost \$275.00. Seconded by Mr. Brandes. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Honeycutt motioned to approve the field trip request from the 8th grade teachers for the 2015-16 Washington D.C. trip to take place from May 16-22, 2016. Seconded by Mr. Tuttle. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Tuttle motioned to approve the following fundraisers: Suzette Amelung and Alyssa Parr request Best Buddies be permitted to sell 'Footprints' for \$1.00 and have a \$1.00 'Hat Day' from March 30 – April 16, to raise money for their program; Spencer Purdy and Alyssa Parr request the MS Student Council sponsor a \$1.00 'Hat Day' on May 18th; Yatzie Roysden and Gayle Healy request the softball team sponsor a clinic in the athletic center on April 25th - cost to be \$10.00 for one session or \$15.00 for both sessions; and

the 8th grade D.C. Trip sponsors request participants sell \$1.00 raffle tickets from September 12-30, and sell butter braids and cookie dough from February 22 – March 3, 2016. Seconded by Mr. Honeycutt. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Brandes motioned to approve the following lease agreements: MIST to use the pool from May 4 – July 31 at various times, they will be responsible for custodial fees on meet days when we do not have staff present; and Jenny Swisher to use the high school gym and equipment for a business presentation on May 9th. The cost will be \$136.00 for custodial fees. Seconded by Mr. Amberger. Motion carried 5-0.

Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Ketcham informed the Board he had suspended the driver education program due to the illness of Mr. Gutzwiller. He reported Mr. Gutzwiller was improving daily, but still had a long road to full recovery.

Mr. Ketcham stated he will conduct a community forum in May concerning random drug testing for students in grades 9-12 who participate in extracurricular activities. He will outline the plan to the Board prior to the community meeting.

Mr. Ketcham requested the Board consider a revision to the 2015-16 school calendar signifying the week of March 14-18 as snow make up days, rather than spring break. He will ask for approval at the May meeting.

Mr. Ketcham proudly announced Milan Elementary School had been named a four-star school for the 2013-14 school year. He noted there are 2057 eligible schools in Indiana and MES was one of 284 that had achieved this rating.

Personnel:

Mr. Ketcham stated he had accepted the resignations of Grant Gilland as an elementary special needs aide, effective April 2, 2015; and Anita Boggs as archery coach effective the end of the 2014-15 season.

Mr. Tuttle motioned to approve Rick and Deb Schumate as interim boys' golf coaches until Mr. Gutzwiller can return; and Kristy Sams as co-sponsor of the middle school cheerleaders for the 2015-16 school year. Seconded by Mr. Honeycutt. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Brandes motioned to approve Kyle Sabol to fill the high school social studies teaching

vacancy for the 2015-16 school year created by Mr. Yates' retirement. Seconded by Mr. Amberger.

Motion carried 5-0.

Claims and Financial Report:

Mr. Honeycutt motioned to approve vendor checks #37958 through #38055, deposit advice #49728 through #50283, and the financial report. Seconded by Mr. Tuttle. Motion carried 5-0.

President's Prerogative:

Mr. Ketcham thanked everyone for attending the meeting, and gave a special thank you to all the Ripley County schools for being very good schools. He stated he made a commitment to make Milan the best and felt that goal had been accomplished.

Mr. Brandes thanked everyone for attending the meeting, thanked the three presenters, and congratulated the elementary faculty and staff for a job well done. He stated he was proud to have graduated from Milan and to be a lifelong community member.

Mr. Tuttle thanked everyone for attending, the insurance representative for their information, and wished everyone a safe ride home.

Mr. Lewis asked everyone to pray for safe trips for the band and the 8th grade, and asked for prayers for Mr. Gutzwiller and others less fortunate. He stated he was proud to be an 'Indian', and couldn't think of a better place to raise his children. He thanked the teachers and staff for what they do every day to ensure a good education for our children.

Mr. Tuttle motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Brandes. Motion carried 5-0.

Meeting adjourned 7:50 p.m.