

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

MILAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION

JUNE 15, 2015

The Board of School Trustees met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, June 15, 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. Honeycutt motioned to approve the minutes from the May 18, 2015 regular meeting and the May 27, 2015 special meeting and the community forum. Seconded by Mr. Amberger. Motion carried 4-0.

Comments from Patrons/Staff:

Linda Baker asked how the phone messenger system worked and if it could be used to announce monthly Board meetings. Mr. Ketcham stated it was paid by a yearly subscription and it was used mainly for student related messaging.

Old Business:

Mr. Brandes motioned to approve the elementary school and the middle school student handbooks as presented at the May meeting. Seconded by Mr. Honeycutt. Motion carried 4-0.

New Business:

Mr. Ketcham informed the Board and the audience there would be a public hearing on the bond issue at 7:00 p.m. on June 22, 2015 to answer any questions or concerns about the project.

Mr. Ketcham presented the Board with a draft of a student drug testing policy. He stated the policy was based on the Rushville Schools policy and had been reviewed by legal counsel, and the state of Indiana. He informed the Board he would ask for approval of the policy at the June 22, 2015 special meeting. It will not be shared with the public until approved.

Mr. Amberger motioned to approve a conference request from Kyle Sabol to attend an AP U.S. History summer institute at Ball State from July 13-16, 2015. The cost to the corporation will be \$775.00. Seconded by Mr. Brandes. Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Amberger motioned to approve a request from Dr. Reale, on behalf of *The Lions Club*, to use the high school parking lot and the front gym lobby area on the 4th of July for the parade. A custodian will be required to open and close the building and clean the restrooms, but there will be no charge to the organization. Seconded by Mr. Honeycutt. Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Brandes motioned to approve the following field trip requests: (1) Mrs. Boggs to take 12-25 high school students to Dublin, Ireland and London, England in July of 2016. The cost per person is approximately \$3500; and (2) Mrs. Bedel to take band tour to Chicago, Illinois from April 28 – 30, 2016. Students would miss 2 days of school. Cost per student is approximately \$525.00. Seconded by Mr. Amberger. Motion carried 4-0. Mr. Brandes requested Mr. Ketcham inquire about the cost coverage of student passports for the Ireland trip.

Mr. Honeycutt motioned to approve the following fundraisers: (1) Mrs. Bedel's request for the HS Band to sell magazine subscriptions from August 18 – September 1, (2) Mrs. Bedel's request for the HS band to sell raffle tickets for various items from November 16-30; (3) Ms. Wullenweber and Mrs. White's request for the HS Cheerleaders to hold a yard sale and car wash on July 17 & 18; and (4) Ms. Wullenweber and Mrs. White's request for the HS Cheerleaders to hold a peewee cheer camp from July 21 -23. Seconded by Mr. Amberger. Motion carried 4-0. Mr. Honeycutt asked for the location of the car wash and it was presumed it would be in front of the high school.

Mr. Ketcham presented a revision to the classified handbook whereby he recommended to reinstate the 2 personal days to the Class 6 employees, retroactive to the 2014-15 school year. Mr. Brandes motioned to approve the recommendation. Seconded by Mr. Honeycutt. Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Amberger motioned to approve a contract with KS State Bank to finance the purchase of 160 iPads for the elementary school. Mr. Ketcham noted the contract is similar to the one implemented for

the high school Chromebooks whereby the payments are spread over a three year period. The total cost of the iPads contract is \$46,161.00.

Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Ketcham presented the Board with a proposal developed by the Ripley County Schools – Milan, Batesville, South Ripley and Jac-Cen-Del. He stated they have been working together with the probation department to devise an alternative plan to out of school suspension. He noted the plan calls for suspended students to report to a designated location from 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. to serve their suspension. Parents will be responsible to get their student to the location and if they do not comply, the student and the parent may be summoned to court. The schools are presently investigating possible funding sources for the program. Mr. Ketcham stated he will share more information about the program at the July meeting and may ask for approval at that time.

Personnel:

Mr. Ketcham stated he had accepted the resignation of Carol Jackson as the high ability coordinator, senior club co-sponsor and high school student council co-sponsor.

Mr. Amberger motioned to approve Amanda Kurtz's request for maternity leave from August 3 – September 14, 2015. Seconded by Mr. Honeycutt. Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Brandes motioned to approve the following extracurricular recommendations from Mr. Langferman: Jessica Small Summers for National Honor Society Sponsor, Stefani Bedel as high school Student Council Sponsor, and Rob Page and Jessica Small Summers as Senior Club Co-Sponsors. Seconded by Mr. Amberger. Motion carried 4-0.

Claims and Financial Report:

Mr. Honeycutt motioned to approve vendor checks #38137 through #38222, deposit advice #50667 through #51077, and the financial report. Seconded by Mr. Brandes. Motion carried 4-0.

President's Prerogative:

Mr. Ketcham thanked the patrons that attend the meetings on a regular basis.

Mr. Brandes thanked everyone for attending the meeting, and congratulated the softball and baseball teams for their outstanding performances this season.

Mr. Honeycutt and Mr. Amberger dittoed those sentiments.

Mr. Lewis thanked everyone for coming, thanked the spring sports athletes for a good year, congratulated the Class of 2015 and wished everyone a safe summer.

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

Meeting adjourned 7:24 p.m.