

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES**

**MILAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION\**

**MARCH 14, 2016**

**The Board of School Trustees met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, March 14, 2016. Attending were Board members Jason Honeycutt, Edward Amberger, Michael Brandes, Gregory Lewis, and Timothy Tuttle. Also attending was Superintendent Paul Ketcham. President Jason Honeycutt presided. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.**

**Mr. Lewis motioned to approve the minutes from the February 8, 2016 regular meeting. Seconded by Mr. Brandes. Motion carried 5-0.**

**Comments from Patrons/Staff:**

**On behalf of the Indianettes, Tracey Gobel thanked the Board for the use of the high school and middle school facilities for a dance competition in February. She stated it was a huge success and presented the Board and Mr. Ketcham with thank you cards from the Indianette team members.**

**Old Business: None**

**New Business:**

**Mr. Tuttle motioned to approve the following fundraisers: (1) Request from Brian Moline to permit the yearbook students to sell various school supplies from Geddes during February, March, April and May; (2) Request from Karisa Voss to permit the MES PTO to have students sell items from Little Caesar's from February 19<sup>th</sup> – March 8<sup>th</sup> ; (3) Request from Karisa Voss to permit the MES PTO to hold a Triathlon on April 16<sup>th</sup>; and (4) Request from Brandy Bastin and Spencer Purdy to permit the MHS track team to sell restaurant peelers from February 15<sup>th</sup> – March 9<sup>th</sup>. Seconded by Mr. Amberger. Motion carried 5-0.**

**Mr. Brandes motioned to approve a conference request from Alicia Holtkamp to attend the ISHA spring convention in Indianapolis from April 14-16, cost to the corporation would be \$510.60; and a conference request from Jessica Small-Summers and Alecia Fryman to attend the AP Summer Institute in Indianapolis from July 12-15, cost to the corporation would be \$2036.58. Mr. Ketcham stated the AP conference was invaluable as a resource for our AP classes for chemistry, physics and**

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

**Mr. Tuttle motioned to approve a lease agreement request from Jeff Mohler to permit the 12 member Special Olympics team from Ripley, Ohio, and Dearborn counties to use the pool for practice from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. on Thursdays from March 17<sup>th</sup> thru June 9<sup>th</sup>. There will be no charge. Seconded by Mr. Lewis. Motion carried 5-0.**

**Superintendent's Report:**

**Mr. Ketcham presented a one year Southeastern Career Center renewal agreement to the Board for their approval. He stated the agreement is the same as those in the past and states the terms by which all eleven member schools must abide. He noted the minimal raise in cost per student to attend. Mr. Lewis motioned to approve the agreement. Seconded by Mr. Tuttle. Motion carried 5-0.**

**Mr. Ketcham reported he had received notification we have been granted \$100,000 from One Community One Family to expand our STARS (social worker) program to include the middle school and the elementary school. He thanked Brenda Konradi from One Community for her efforts in this endeavor. He stated Mr. Murphy and Mrs. Rogers would begin interviews for this position. He will bring the final details of the grant to the Board for their approval at the April meeting.**

**Mr. Ketcham presented the annual performance report to the Board stating the high school had raised their score to a 'B' rating, and the other two schools had received 'A' ratings again. He expressed his accolades to the staff and students for their continued excellence and their efforts to improve.**

**Personnel:**

**Mr. Ketcham stated he had accepted the resignations of Fran Bixler as the library aide at the high school, effective the end of the 2015-16 school year; Timmi Elbright as an instructional aide at the high school, effective March 17, 2016; Charles Kerry Jeffries as a high school custodian as of March 18, 2016; and Randy Combs as a varsity assistant football coach effective immediately.**

**Mr. Lewis motioned to approve a medical leave for Jennifer Block from April 26, 2016 until the end of the 2015-16 school year. Seconded by Mr. Brandes. Motion carried 5-0.**

**Mr. Amberger motioned to approve Katie Sicking to fill the medical leave absence of Jennifer**

**Block. Seconded by Mr. Tuttle. Motion carried 5-0.**

**Mr. Brandes motioned to approve the recommendation of Josh Berger to employ Joe Thomas for the position of 2<sup>nd</sup> shift custodian/maintenance with a start date of March 15, 2016; he will receive a salary of \$13.00 per hour and benefits as outlined in the classified handbook; and the recommendation of Mr. Ketcham to approve a change in employment for pre-school bus aide/instructional aide Mary Tuttle from 4.5 hours per day to 7 hours per day, with no benefits, for the remainder of the 2015-16 school year. Seconded by Mr. Lewis. Motion carried 5-0.**

**Mr. Lewis motioned to approve the following extracurricular recommendations from Mr. Prifogle: (1) Hannah Lohrum as a volunteer softball coach; (2) Brennan Tinker and Jordan Hoegeman as volunteer baseball assistants; and (3) Dave Miles as the boys' golf coach. All recommendations are tentative on criminal background checks. Seconded by Mr. Amberger. Motion carried 5-0.**

**Claims and Financial Report:**

**Mr. Tuttle motioned to approve vendor checks #38888 through #38968, deposit advice #54071 through #54752, and the financial report. Seconded by Mr. Brandes. Motion carried 5-0.**

**President's Prerogative:**

**Mr. Ketcham thanked Mrs. Gobel for her statements and expressed his excitement about the Indiana Pacer game to be held on March 15<sup>th</sup>, whereby the '54 team would be honored. He noted over 100 people from Milan had bought tickets to attend this event. He congratulated one of the local girl scout troops that had donated over 1000 items to the Milan food pantry, thanking them for their community service. He ended by wishing everyone a safe and happy spring break.**

**Mr. Lewis stated it was nice to see community members using our facilities, expressed his appreciation for the grants we have been receiving, and wished everyone a safe and happy spring break.**

**Mr. Brandes thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and supporting the Board; and stressed that with spring arriving, adults needed to be more diligent and aware of the children outside playing.**

**Mr. Tuttle and Mr. Amberger dittoed what other members had stated.**

**Mr. Honeycutt thanked Mr. Combs for his many years of service as a football coach.**

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

**Meeting adjourned 7:20 p.m.**