

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

MILAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION

APRIL 18, 2016

The Board of School Trustees met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 18, 2016. Attending were Board members Jason Honeycutt, Edward Amberger, Michael Brandes, and Gregory Lewis. Timothy Tuttle was absent. 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 March 14, 2016 regular meeting and the executive session. Seconded by Mr. Brandes. Motion carried 4-0.

Comments from Patrons/Staff:

On behalf of the Ripley County Basketball Hall of Fame committee, Ray Baurley thanked the Board for the use of the high school facilities for their induction ceremony on April 9, 2016.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Mr. Brandes motioned to approve a fundraising request from Josie Weiler to permit the FCCLA to use the high school gym to host an all-day vendor sale on Saturday, April 23rd. Patrons will pay \$5.00 for entrance and then be able to purchase items from vendors. Seconded by Mr. Amberger. Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Amberger motioned to approve conference requests from Appie Thompson and Tamra Jutzi to attend the National Association of School Nurses Conference from June 30 – July 3, in Indianapolis – cost per person will be approximately \$961.00. Seconded by Mr. Lewis. Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Brandes motioned to approve a lease agreement request from Pastor Pam Wooten and nurse Joyce Call from the Milan United Methodist Church, to use the high school parking lot on Wednesday, June 22nd, to host a Community Women's Event sponsored by the church and St. Elizabeth Hospital, from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. They will bring in a medical van with diagnostic equipment and offer free screenings to area women. There will be no charge, since they are only using

the parking lot. Seconded by Mr. Lewis. Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Ketcham presented a right of way easement agreement between the corporation and CSXT and the Town of Milan, granting a perpetual easement and right of way for repairs to the Milan dam. The document was drawn up by school attorney, Larry Eaton. Mr. Ketcham stated the repairs to the dam would be done by Jeff Meinders. Since Mr. Meinders would be using the elementary grounds to park his equipment this summer, he was going to clear the lot by the railroad tracks and use gravel and landscaping to make it a more functional area for the school. Mr. Lewis motioned to approve the easement agreement. Seconded by Mr. Amberger. Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Ketcham requested approval to apply for the Indiana eLearning Flex Pilot Program for the 2016-17 school year for grades 6-12. This program permits students to ‘attend’ school on inclement weather days via the internet. He stated teachers would prepare quality, content relative lesson plans to be used on such days. During the 2016-17 school year, he plans to apply for four days, but would probably only implement two days on a test basis. He noted there would be designated days to test this program, but parents would still have the option of sending their children to school on the buses for regular instruction. He commented in the future, there was the possibility of having make up days on Saturdays using this program. He concluded by sharing results of a parent survey whereby 79% of those completing the survey were in favor of trying this program. Mr. Amberger motioned to approve the program application. Seconded by Mr. Brandes. Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Ketcham presented Policy #8118 – Criminal Gang Policy to the Board for a first reading. He stated this policy was mandated by the State to be in place by July 1, 2016. He noted Mr. Houze had researched the statute and replicated the wording of the policy as dictated by the State. Mr. Houze informed the Board the Ripley County Safety Commission would also adopt this policy at their meeting on April 19th, and most area schools would be adopting the same policy. Mr. Ketcham stated he would ask for approval of the policy at the May meeting.

Superintendent’s Report:

Mr. Ketcham highlighted the new camera security system for the Board and attending patrons by showing a few of the camera views. He noted Mr. Houze had used monies from the safety grant

and matching corporation funds to obtain the cameras and had them installed by ETC. There are now 56 interior and exterior cameras at the high school and middle school, and 18 at the elementary school. Mr. Houze stated he has a large screen TV in his office and has the main entrances in view at all times. He also noted he plans to share the IP address for the cameras with the Indiana state police and the Ripley County sheriff's department for use in the event of an incident so they will have access to real time information. He concluded by stating he had given key fobs to Ripley County sheriff's deputies so they would have immediate access to any building during an emergency.

Mr. Ketcham informed the Board that we will receive \$28,294.00 on May 1st from the passage of SEA67. This money will be put into the Rainy Day Fund.

Personnel:

Mr. Lewis motioned to approve an adoptive leave for Julia Grills for the 2016-17 school year. Seconded by Mr. Amberger. Motion carried 4-0.

Claims and Financial Report:

Mr. Lewis motioned to approve vendor checks #38969 through #39048, deposit advice #54753 through #55121, and the financial report. Seconded by Mr. Brandes. Motion carried 4-0. Mr. Ketcham informed the Board that at present time, it seems the energy savings program implemented by Trane is successful. He noted the electric bill last year in March was \$25,134 and this year it was \$17,782.

President's Prerogative:

Mr. Ketcham thanked everyone for their attendance. He invited the Board to the first annual plant sale from the agriculture/FFA greenhouse which will take place on April 23rd.

Board members thanked everyone for attending, wished the 8th grade a successful trip to Washington, and a safe and happy spring.

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