

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

MILAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION

MAY 16, 2016

The Board of School Trustees met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 16, 2016. Attending were Board members Jason Honeycutt, Edward Amberger, Michael Brandes, Timothy Tuttle and Gregory Lewis. Also attending was Superintendent Paul Ketcham. President Jason Honeycutt presided. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Tuttle motioned to approve the minutes from the April 18, 2016 regular meeting and the executive session and the May 9, 2016 executive session. Seconded by Mr. Brandes. Motion carried 5-0.

Comments from Patrons/Staff:

Lori and Greg Holt addressed the Board with concerns for their special needs daughter. They stated their daughter is a 5th grader who is presently in the moderate special needs class at the elementary. They want her to move to the middle school next year with her peers, but have been informed there is no moderate teacher in the middle school and no plans to employ one. The moderate students in grades 6-8 are taught at the high school with other students grades 9-12. They have been given the option of keeping their daughter at the elementary for one more year with her present teacher or she can go to the moderate class in the high school. They expressed their disappointment in these two choices and stated they would probably take their daughter out of the school system and place her in another school district where she would be taught with other 11 year old 6th graders. They requested the Board consider the employment of a moderate special needs teacher at the middle school. President Honeycutt stated the Board would take her request under advisement.

A presentation was made by FACS teacher, Josie Weiler, along with three FCCLA members, sophomore Raelyn Stuart and freshmen Nicole Thielmann and Morgan Delmar. The girls highlighted the activities of FCCLA and noted they had recently competed in the state leadership contest. They stated FCCLA had opened many opportunities for them and the club was engaged in activities to lift the spirits of the students in the high school. They requested permission to attend the national FCCLA

convention in San Diego, California this summer stating it would be the ‘ultimate experience’.

Old Business:

Mr. Amberger motioned to approve Policy #8118 – Criminal Gang Policy as presented at the April meeting. Seconded by Mr. Tuttle. Motion carried 5-0.

New Business:

Mr. Ketcham introduced Mark Graver and Hank Ahaus from Ivy Tech. He requested approval of a two year agreement with Ivy Tech to provide dual enrollment course offerings to our students. The corporation and any participating student will split the cost of the tuition and technology fee. The student will be responsible for the cost of books and classroom supplies. He noted Ivy Tech has a new program whereby by the time a student graduates high school, they could have earned 30 college credits, which is an outstanding opportunity for our students. Mr. Lewis motioned to approve the Ivy Tech agreement. Seconded by Mr. Brandes. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Ketcham stated the high school gym room had recently failed and was in immediate need of repair. He noted three roofing companies, Hutchinson Roofing, Wm. Kramer and Son and Ameridian gave quotes to re-roof. Since this was an emergency situation, Mr. Ketcham contacted all Board members and got verbal approval to award the job to Kramer with a quote of \$83,871.00. Approximately \$59,000 in damage control was awarded by our insurance company to begin the project and the remainder of the roof balance will be paid upon completion of the job and inspection by the insurance company. Mr. Brandes motioned to formally approve Kramer to repair the gym room. Seconded by Mr. Amberger. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Lewis motioned to approve Mrs. Rogers’ recommendation to adopt Envision Math from Pearson as the elementary math resource material. This choice was chosen by the elementary teacher committee to cover state standards and will also lower math textbook fees considerably. Seconded by Mr. Tuttle. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Tuttle motioned to approve the following field trip requests: (1) Josie Weiler to take 3 FCCLA members to San Diego, California from July 2–8, 2016, for the FCCLA National Leadership Conference. The cost per student will be approximately \$1220.00 and is student financed; and (2)

Brenda Walter, Zach Wade, Rich Healy and Brandy Bastin to take the 8th grade class on the annual Washington D.C. trip from May 15 -12, 2017. The cost per student will be approximately \$805.00 and is student financed. Seconded by Mr. Brandes. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Lewis motioned to approve the following fundraisers: (1) Three requests from the 8th grade teachers to permit the students to participate in the following fundraisers for their D.C. trip – a. Sell raffle tickets for various prizes from August 4-18, 2016; b. Sell raffle tickets for meat prizes from September 22-October 6, 2016; and c. Sell butter braids and cookie dough from First Class Fundraiser from February 16-March 2, 2017; (2) Request from Stefani Bedel to permit the middle school band to sell World’s Finest candy bars from October 18-November 1, 2016; and (3) Mr. Langferman, Mr. Sabol, Miss Parr and Ms. Amelung request the football team, in conjunction with the Best Buddies, be permitted to hold a Lift-A-Thon from May 16-19. The football team earned money will go toward their program, and the Best Buddies money will be donated to two high school students who are undergoing treatment for cancer. Seconded by Mr. Amberger. Motion carried 5-0. Mr. Ketcham noted the Lift-A-Thon was the idea of special needs student, David Paul, who wanted to give back to those who have helped him throughout his school career. He commended David for being a kid looking after other kids.

Mr. Tuttle motioned to approve the following lease agreements: (1) A request and the schedule from Steve Stock, Heather Thomas and Rebecca Haessig on behalf of Milan Aquatics (summer swim team) to use the pool for summer practices and meets. They have 2 evening meets and will be required to pay for a custodian for these events. (2) A request from the Lion’s Club to use the high school parking lot and front lobby restrooms from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. for the 4th of July parade – there will be no charge. Seconded by Mr. Brandes. Motion carried 5-0.

Superintendent’s Report:

Mr. Ketcham stated he wanted to introduce some of the graduating seniors and highlight their accomplishments. He reported Shelby Wullenweber would be the first Milan student to graduate with 30 college credit hours. This means her freshman year of college is already completed. He noted there would be fifteen students eligible to complete this program next year during their senior year of

school. In the future, students could possibly graduate high school with an associate's degree in a variety of fields. He introduced Noah Yatsko who had received an \$180,000 NROTC scholarship. Noah will be attending the University of South Florida, while participating in the navy ROTC program. Mr. Ketcham introduced the four recipients of the Mortara \$10,000 four-year renewable scholarships. They are Kyle Meyer – attending Franklin College; Nathan Austing – attending Butler University, Peyton Healy – attending Franklin College, and valedictorian Brandon Summers – attending Norwich Military College in Vermont. He also introduced Zach Seithel who is the recipient of the new Darlene Gerster \$10,000 four-year renewable scholarship, who will be attending Ball State. Mr. Ketcham and the Board congratulated all the scholarship recipients and thanked the staff and students for doing a tremendous job. Mr. Ketcham noted Milan seniors were eligible for over \$400,000 in scholarship money, which was very well, considering the size of our school.

Personnel:

Mr. Ketcham reported he had accepted the following resignations: Paula Karsteter Hockett as elementary music teacher effective immediately; Rob Page as HS social studies/PE teacher and varsity football coach effective the end of the 2015-16 school year; Kendra Porter as part time cafeteria effective April 18, 2016; Stacey Gilday as part time cafeteria effective May 20, 2016; and Bryan Beeler as 8th grade girls basketball coach effective immediately.

Mr. Brandes motioned to approve the retirement of high school cafeteria employee, Cherie Ison, as of June 1, 2016, after 28 years of service. Seconded by Mr. Amberger. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Amberger motioned to approve Mr. Langferman's recommendation to employ Amy McMullin for the high school library aide to fill the vacancy of Fran Bixler. Seconded by Mr. Tuttle. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Lewis motioned to approve Mr. Prifogle's recommendation to employ Ryan Langferman as the varsity football coach for the 2016-17 school year. Seconded by Mr. Brandes. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Tuttle motioned to approve Mr. Ketcham's recommendation to add \$1000 to the stipend Teresa Heppner receives for her job of obtaining substitutes for the teachers and classified instructional staff. She will receive a \$3000 stipend beginning the 2016-17 school year. Seconded by

Mr. Lewis. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Brandes motioned to approve Josh Berger's recommendation to employ Carol Schmidt and Trevor Richardson as summer custodial help. These two individuals have been employed in summers past and are familiar with the jobs that need to be completed during these two months. They will also be able to assist at the elementary when needed. Seconded by Mr. Amberger. Motion carried 5-0.

Claims and Financial Report:

Mr. Lewis motioned to approve vendor checks #39049 through #39134, deposit advice #55122 through #55492, and the financial report. Seconded by Mr. Amberger. Motion carried 5-0. Mr. Ketcham informed the Board he had completed a five month electric comparison and it showed savings of \$24,472 from last year. He noted the Trane project is in the final stages of completion and the savings guarantees begin next year.

President's Prerogative:

Mr. Ketcham thanked everyone for their attendance. He thanked the FCCLA girls for their presentation, congratulated the senior class, and thanked Mrs. Ison for her 28 years of dedicated service.

Mr. Lewis thanked everyone for attending, congratulated the seniors and the scholarship recipients and wished everyone a safe spring.

Mr. Tuttle thanked everyone for attending, stated he had visited San Diego and the FCCLA members would enjoy it, expressed his appreciation to Ivy Tech and wished everyone a nice spring.

Mr. Brandes thanked everyone for attending, congratulated the scholarship recipients, thanked the Holts for expressing their concerns, thanked Ivy Tech for helping our students, and congratulated Mrs. Ison on her retirement.

Mr. Amberger stated he had chaperoned the band tour this year and expressed his admiration to the band members who eagerly interacted with the residents of the health care facilities. He stated his appreciation to Ivy Tech for their support, extended congratulations to the senior class, and thanked the Holts for their concerns.

Mr. Honeycutt thanked the Holts for coming to the Board, wished the FCCLA a good trip, congratulated the 2016 graduates, and wished everyone a safe spring.

**Mr. Brandes motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Amberger. Motion carried 5-0.
Meeting adjourned 7:45 p.m.**