

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

MILAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION

MAY 15, 2017

The Board of School Trustees met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 15, 2017. Attending were Board members Edward Amberger, Gregory Lewis, and Douglas Norman. Timothy Tuttle and Michael Brandes were absent. Also attending was Superintendent Jane Rogers. President Edward Amberger presided. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Lewis motioned to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on April 17, 2017. Seconded by Mr. Norman. Motion carried 3-0.

Comments from Patrons/Staff:

Student Raelynn Stuart addressed the Board concerning the upcoming FCCLA National Leadership Conference. She stated FCCLA teaches members to be leaders in the home and the community. She highlighted the many activities the FCCLA sponsors such as Trunk or Treat at Halloween, and dances for the Best Buddies. She noted last year, she attended the FCCLA National Conference in San Diego, California and received a gold medal for her project. She ended by expressing her hope the Board would approve this year's conference attendance in Nashville, Tennessee.

Students Heather Hacker and Nathan Ortt addressed the Board about Band Tour. They stated Band Tour was started by Mr. William Schein back in the 50's and the tradition is still upheld. This year the band traveled to Nashville, Tennessee and played three concerts at various health care facilities. They noted the band played music from the resident's era, and enjoyed dancing and interacting with the residents. Mr. Amberger stated he had gone on the tour as a chaperone and he was proud of the band members who represented our school so well across state lines.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Mrs. Rogers informed the Board the Trane project update would be presented at the June meeting.

Chip Orben, Duke Energy representative, addressed the Board and presented a check for \$20,582.00 to the elementary school for a summer reading remediation program for first and second grade students. He noted the grant money was very competitive and only fifteen Indiana schools received a grant. He stated Duke Energy enjoys investing in students and giving them a foundation for success. He thanked Mrs. Ahlrich for writing the grant, noting she had many great questions when she filled out the paperwork. Mrs. Ahlrich stated she appreciated the opportunity to do this for our students and thanked Mr. Orben for Duke Energy's investment in Milan students.

Mr. Norman motioned to approve the summer reading remediation program for selected students in grades one and two. The program will be held July 10-24, Monday through Thursday, 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. Staff members include Judy White, Stephanie Siemer, Jane Brinkman, Shannon Strassell and Lynn Lillis. Seconded by Mr. Lewis. Motion carried 3-0.

Mr. Lewis motioned to approve Anita Pitts to serve a four year term as the corporation representative on the Osgood Library Board. Seconded by Mr. Norman. Motion carried 3-0.

Mrs. Rogers reported for the past few months, the corporation has been investigating an overhaul to our antiquated telephone system. She explained she had received a proposal from Five Star Technologies to replace the outdated system with the Allworx system at a cost of around \$70,000. She noted Frontier would remain as our service provider. Upgrades for the system would include phones in every classroom, voice mail, and automated attendant. She stated the new system would be installed in June and have twenty-three working lines shared by all four buildings. This system would give us twice the service we have now, with no raise in cost. She concluded by stating this would be a great investment on a daily basis. Mr. Norman motioned to approve the new telephone system. Seconded by Mr. Lewis. Motion carried 3-0.

Mr. Norman motioned to approve a request from Josie Weiler to take 1-2 students to the

FCCLA National Leadership Conference in Nashville, Tennessee from July 2-6, 2017. This is a student financed trip costing approximately \$650.00 per person. Seconded by Mr. Amberger. Motion carried 3-0.

Mr. Lewis motioned to approve the following lease agreements: (1) A request from Milan Summer Baseball to use 2 softball fields on June 30, July 1, and July 2 for a softball tourney. The team will be responsible for bringing their own pitcher's rubber and for setting up and cleaning up after the games, there will be no charge if responsibilities are met; (2) A request from the Milan Lion's Club to use the high school parking lot and front gym lobby on July 4th, for the parade from 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m., a custodian will be provided at no charge; (3) A request from Milan Summer Softball to use a softball field from May 8 – June 30, 2017, 5:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. for their games, they acknowledge high school softball will take precedence; they are to ensure trash is removed and trash cans emptied, and use the park restrooms. They will pay a fee of \$1000.00; and (4) A request from Milan Summer Baseball to use the high school baseball field from April 1-June 30, 2017 for practices and games. The team will be responsible for disposing of trash, emptying trash cans, and acknowledge high school activities take precedence. Seconded by Mr. Norman. Motion carried 3-0.

Mr. Lewis motioned to approve the following fundraisers: (1) Three requests from Stefani Bedel (a) The high school band to sell magazine subscriptions from August 22-September 5, 2017, (b) The middle school band to sell candy bars from October 17-31, 2017, and (c) The high school band to sell raffle tickets for various items from January 31-February 14, 2018; and (2) A request from Carla Thomas for the high school choir to sell brochure items from September 8-20, 2017. Seconded by Mr. Amberger. Motion carried 3-0.

Mrs. Rogers presented eleven graduation waivers to the Board for their consideration. Mr. Lewis motioned to approve the waivers so the senior students can receive their diplomas. Seconded by Mr. Amberger. Motion carried 3-0.

Superintendent's Report:

Mrs. Rogers congratulated Jeremiah Loehmer, who teaches Art and Lego Mindstorms at the elementary, and Introduction to Engineering at the high school for being named the April #STEMstar by Genesis Pathways. She commented Mr. Loehmer is an outstanding representative for our schools. She noted she was thrilled grant funding from One Community, One Family, has been provided to continue the employment of our two social workers, Fran Moore and Stephanie Schwing-Stamper. Mrs. Rogers reminded everyone graduation would be May 27th at 10:00 a.m. She stated on Thursday, May 25th, the seniors would walk the halls of the elementary school in their caps and gowns to serve as models for the students. She also noted May 3rd was senior award night and over \$210,000 in scholarship monies were awarded to the many deserving students. She ended by stated great things were continuing to happen at Milan.

Personnel:

Mrs. Rogers reported she had accepted the resignations of Stefani Bedel as high school student council sponsor at the end of the 2016-17 school year, Jennifer Wullenweber as a 6th grade teacher at the end of the 2016-17 school year, and Delbert Drew as the corporation bus driver of route #8.

Mr. Lewis motioned to approve a request from Amanda Kurtz to take a six-week maternity leave from July 31-September 11, 2017. Seconded by Mr. Norman. Motion carried 3-0.

Mr. Langferman introduced Kyle Flynn as his recommendation for high school social studies teacher. Mr. Lewis motioned to approve the recommendation. Seconded by Mr. Norman. Motion carried 3-0. Board members welcomed Mr. Flynn.

Mr. Norman motioned to approve the recommendations of Mr. Prifogle to employ Pat Murphy as the boys' golf coach, and Daniel Fix as the varsity boys' soccer coach for the 2017-18 school year. Seconded by Mr. Lewis. Motion carried 3-0.

Claims and Financial Report:

Mr. Norman motioned to approve vendor checks #39995 through #40059, deposit advice #60019 through #60396, and the financial report. Seconded by Mr. Lewis. Motion carried 3-0.

President's Prerogative:

Mrs. Rogers thanked Mr. Flynn for being present, the students for their presentations, and Mr. Orben for the Duke grant. She congratulated the girls' softball team on their ORVC win and ended by stating the school year was wrapping up and there is a great deal of good activity.

Mr. Lewis thanked everyone for attending, Duke for the grant, the Rising Sun Foundation for their generosity and wished everyone a safe and happy graduation.

Mr. Norman thanked everyone for attending, Duke for the grant money, and welcomed Mr. Flynn. He stated there was an article recently in the news outlining the tragedy of a young man who had been bullied at school and taken his own life. He noted how proud he was knowing our school has been anti-bullying for quite a while and took steps to remedy situations as they occurred. Mrs. Rogers noted it took a team effort working together to get this done.

Mr. Amberger thanked everyone for attending, Duke for their support, the Rising Sun Foundation for their continued support, congratulated Mr. Flynn on his new position, Raelynn Stuart on her national project. He thanked all those who sponsored scholarships for the senior class and gave kudos to the softball team. He congratulated the archery team for qualifying for the Worlds after their national competition, and especially Heather Hacker who scored 290 points out of a possible 300. He reiterated how proud he was of the band members who played at the health care facilities, interacting with the residents and touching their lives.

Mr. Norman motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Lewis. Motion carried 3-0.

Meeting adjourned 7:31 p.m.