

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

MILAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION

AUGUST 21, 2017

The Board of School Trustees met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, August 21, 2017. Attending were Board members Edward Amberger, Timothy Tuttle, Michael Brandes and Douglas Norman. Gregory Lewis was absent. Also attending was Superintendent Jane Rogers. President Edward Amberger presided. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Brandes motioned to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on July 17, 2017 and the executive session on July 24, 2017. Seconded by Mr. Tuttle. Motion carried 4-0.

Comments from Patrons/Staff: None

Old Business: None

New Business:

Mr. Norman motioned to suspend the second reading process for the next two agenda items that deal with new policies, in order to fulfill State requirements. Seconded by Mr. Brandes. Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Tuttle motioned to approve the *Teacher Appreciation Grant* policy as presented. This policy deals with the distribution of grant funds to teachers who achieve specific criteria. It also awards 25% more of the fund money to teachers who are designated as being highly effective. Seconded by Mr. Norman. Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Brandes motioned to approve the *Determination of Legal Settlement and Eligibility for Enrollment of Students Without Legal Settlement in the Corporation* policy as presented. Mrs. Rogers explained while we currently have policies that deal with this issue, this new policy has the State required new wording and also addresses past student attendance and discipline issues. Seconded by Mr. Tuttle. Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Tuttle motioned to approve the following lease agreements: The Good News Club to use various areas in the elementary and the intermediate school on Thursdays after school until 4:30, for

their activities, from October 5, 2017 through March 15, 2018; Dollars for Scholars to use the elementary cafeteria and kitchen on Saturday and Sunday, November 4th and 5th, to prepare and serve their annual turkey dinner - the elementary kitchen staff will donate their time and any custodial fees will be paid by the corporation; and Missy Bowman to use the high school library on September 10th from 4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. for a meeting of the Ripley Youth Organization. Seconded by Mr. Brandes. Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Norman motioned to approve the following fundraisers: The FCCLA to sell school spirit wristband and lanyards from September 1-November 5; the cheerleaders to have a car wash/bake sale on August 26 from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.; the elementary PTO to sell items from Believe Kids from August 25-September 8; the elementary PTO to sell Little Caesar's products from February 20-March 9; the cheerleaders to sell gourmet popcorn products from September 13-20; the boys' basketball to hold their annual golf scramble on September 10; the boys' soccer team to sell cookie dough products from August 14-September 26; the middle/intermediate school PTO to sell various merchandise items from September 14-24; and the middle school/intermediate school to hold a 'hat day' on August 25. Mr. Norman asked if all schools had to deal with the fundraising issue, and Mrs. Rogers explained that fundraisers were necessary since we were such a small school, and community support was greatly appreciated. Seconded by Mr. Tuttle. Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Brandes motioned to approve a Resolution of Authorization which permits Mrs. Rogers to attend the budget hearing and make appropriate changes, as needed, to the budget plan. Seconded by Mr. Tuttle. Motion carried 4-0.

Superintendent's Report:

Mrs. Rogers highlighted events from the month of July. She reminded the audience of the public hearing that will be held Monday, September 18, at 7:00 p.m., followed by the regular meeting. She stated she is presently working on the budget which entails looking at enrollment, tax levies, past practices, complexity indexes and many other factors. She noted the decrease in farm land values will affect our AV. She stated the good news is we use our funding wisely and efficiently and try are transparent to the public while serving the students. She commented the year was off to a good start with

our enrollment holding, and noting there are presently 99 students in the senior class. She expressed her appreciation to Mr. Langferman and Mrs. Mutz for working with Ivy Tech on dual enrollment classes, noting students have the chance to earn 366 college credits this year. She thanked One Community One Family for the extended grant funds that finance our social workers, Fran Moore and Stephanie Schwing-Stamper, and highlighted some of the programs paid for with this same grant money.

Personnel:

Mrs. Rogers reported she had accepted the resignations of Anita Boggs as agriculture teacher/FFA advisor, effective July 26, 2017; Christine Roell as an instructional aide effective July 24, 2017, and Stacie Melcher as a high school part time cafeteria staff member effective July 31, 2017.

Mr. Brandes motioned to approve FMLA for Anne Marie Layden from August 22, 2017 – September 8, 2017. Seconded by Mr. Norman. Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Norman motioned to approve the classified salary schedule as presented which gives a \$.25 per hour raise and combines bus route pay into one category. Seconded by Mr. Brandes. Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Tuttle motioned to approve the following classified recommendations: Mr. Murphy's recommendation to employ Bryce Jackson and Dawn Michael as 5th/6th grade Special Needs instructional aides; Mrs. Ahlrich's recommendation to employ of Lindsey Jackson as a Special Needs instructional aide, and Kadee Grinnan as a temporary instructional aide for the readiness kindergarten; Mr. Murphy's and Mr. Langferman's recommendation to employ April Poole as the school nurse and the high school/middle school; Ginny Shannon's recommendation to employ Tracy Holman for the part time opening in the high school cafeteria, and Bonnie Davidson and Rosa Jarrett as cafeteria subs; and Josh Berger's recommendation to change the hours of part time custodian Michelle Cortes from 4 hours to 6 hours, no benefits with this position. Seconded by Mr. Brandes. Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Norman motioned to approve the following extracurricular recommendations from Mr. Prifogle: Samantha Thompson – JV Volleyball coach; Gayle Healy – Freshman Volleyball coach; Heather Carr – 7th Grade Volleyball coach; April Poole and Danielle Baylor – volunteer volleyball

coaches; Arron McIntosh – volunteer MS football coach; and Greg Phelps, Stephen Marks and David Lewis – volunteer soccer coaches. Seconded by Mr. Brandes. Motion carried 4-0.

Claims and Financial Report:

Mr. Norman motioned to approve vendor checks #40230 through #40321, deposit advice #61119 through #61561, and the financial report. Seconded by Mr. Brandes. Motion carried 4-0

President's Prerogative:

Mrs. Rogers stated fall sports were under way with many successes. She noted people might see a multi-colored "M" sign in various businesses around town that denotes August 25-September 1 as Character Counts Week. She noted each color represents a certain character trait and participants are to wear clothing with the 'color of the day'. She expressed her appreciation to the counselors who made the effort to establish this program, and thanked the area businesses and community members who are supporting the effort.

Board members thanked everyone for attending the meeting, wished fall athletes success, and thanked the administrators and staff members for starting the school year off in a positive manner.

Mr. Brandes motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Tuttle. Motion carried 4-0.

Meeting adjourned 7:21 p.m.