

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

MILAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION

DECEMBER 18, 2017

The Board of School Trustees met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, December 18, 2017. Attending were Board members Edward Amberger, Gregory Lewis, Michael Brandes and Douglas Norman. Timothy Tuttle was absent. Also attending was Superintendent Jane Rogers. President Edward Amberger presided. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Norman motioned to approve the minutes from the executive session, the regular meeting, and the work session on November 13, 2017. Seconded by Mr. Brandes. Motion carried 4-0.

Comments from Patrons/Staff:

Elementary school nurse, Tamra Jutzi, addressed the Board. She stated she is serving on a committee for a program called *Vision Possible*. This is a pilot program for Milan, South Ripley and Rising Sun Schools that will provide vision care and eyeglasses to elementary students in need. She noted the local Lions' Club does an excellent job of doing vision screening of students every year, but there are between 20-50 children who still go without the proper vision care because of family financial restraints. The *Vision Possible* program is spearheaded by the Eisslor Vision Foundation from Dallas, Texas, in conjunction with Walmart, Dearborn County Hospital and Dr. Greg Dooley of Greensburg Eye Care. Grant money is provided to have in-depth vision exams and provide needy children with eyeglasses at no cost. Children receive before and after vision care, and progress is charted. Milan's responsibility would be to provide transportation to and from the eye care facility. Ms. Jutzi noted that to date, the Eisslor Foundation has provided over 5000 pairs of free glasses to needy children. She stated Milan would like to start the program in January, with student assessments being sent to teachers. Mrs. Rogers stated Mr. Ed Brush, from Dearborn County was instrumental in investigating the problem of poor vision in the area student population. She thanked him and Ms. Jutzi for their work on the committee.

Old Business:

Mr. Lewis motioned to approve the 2018-19 school calendar. Highlights of the calendar are:

Teacher Days August 6, 7, 8; First Student Day August 9; Labor Day September 3; 12 Fall Break October 8-12; Thanksgiving Break November 21-23; Christmas Break December 24-January 3; Martin Luther King Day January 21 (snow make up day); Presidents' Day February 18 (snow make up day); Spring Break March 25-29; Easter Break April 19; Last Day of School May 22; and Graduation May 25. There will be early dismissal every Wednesday, and all other snow days besides the two designated, will be eLearning Days or made up at the end of the school year Seconded by Mr. Norman. Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Brandes motioned to approve the glossary of terms, the index, the 0000's section for Bylaws and the 1000's section for Administration for the new corporation policy handbook. Seconded by Mr. Lewis. Motion carried 4-0.

New Business:

Mrs. Rogers presented the Board with Section 2000's *Program* and Section 3000's *Professional Staff* for the corporation policy handbook as contracted with NEOLA, for a first reading. She will ask for approval at the January meeting.

Mr. Norman motioned to approve fundraising requests from the following: Timmi Elbright and Krisha Robbins-to permit the cheerleaders to hold a 2 day cheer camp February 14 and 15, 2018; Heather Thomas-to permit the high school swim team to hold swim-a-thons for two weeks in December 2017; Amy Tush-to permit the cross country boosters to sell cotton candy on February 18, 2018, at the Indianette dance competition; and Karisa Voss-to permit the Youth Girls' Basketball to hold Shoot-a-Thon's from December 19, 2017 - January 12, 2018. Seconded by Mr. Brandes. Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Lewis motioned to approve the two year renewal of the worker's compensation insurance through Indiana School's Educational Service Centers. Seconded by Mr. Norman. Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Brandes motioned to approve a resolution authorizing the corporation treasurer, Gretchen Berger, to continue paying 2017 bills from the 2017 appropriations through the end of 2017; to encumber appropriations for bills created in 2017 and payable in 2018; and complete the transfer of appropriations from major accounts to balance out the 2017 year. All transfers from major accounts will be explained and approval requested at the January, 2018 Board meeting. Seconded by Mr. Norman. Motion carried 4-0.

Mrs. Rogers stated the high school gym floor was in need of replacement, since it was the original floor installed in 1960. She noted Mr. Prifogle had received two quotes for replacement and was recommending we employ the Kieffer Company to install the new floor at a cost of \$138,000. Mr. Norman motioned to approve the request. Seconded by Mr. Brandes. Motion carried 4-0.

Superintendent's Report:

Mrs. Rogers reported the teacher appreciation grant funds had been distributed according to our bylaws and state statute. She noted with the newly State mandated Pathways for Graduation, Mr. Langferman and Mrs. Mutz would be monitoring State memos in order to implement the program in upcoming years. She reminded the Board and patrons the January meeting would be held a week earlier than usual in order to comply with State law on reorganization. The January meeting will be on the 8th, the second Monday of the month.

Personnel:

Mrs. Rogers stated she had accepted the resignations of Patsy Holdsworth as the elementary music teacher at the end of the first semester; and April Poole as the school nurse at the Intermediate/Middle/High Schools effective January 19, 2018.

Mr. Lewis motioned to approve the recommendation of Mrs. Ahlrich to employ Jessica Strassell as the half-time elementary music teacher, effective the beginning of the second semester. Seconded by Mr. Brandes. Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Lewis motioned to approve Mr. Murphy's and Mr. Langferman's recommendation to employ Amber Knueven as the nurse to fill the vacancy of April Poole, effective January 22, 2018; and Mrs. Ahlrich's recommendation to employ Kadee Grinnan to fill the readiness kindergarten aide vacancy for the second semester. Seconded by Mr. Norman. Motion carried 4-0.

Claims and Financial Report:

Mr. Norman motioned to approve vendor checks #40563 through #40656 deposit advice #62783 through #63364, and the financial report. Seconded by Mr. Brandes. Motion carried 4-0.

President's Prerogative:

Mrs. Rogers thanked Ms. Jutzi for all the hard work she had done on the *Vision Possible* project. She stated it had been a wonderful end to the first semester, with the band and choir concerts, the wonderful 2nd and 3rd grade Christmas programs, and all the exciting winter sporting events. She noted her pride in all the students for their many accomplishments and for pitching in to participate in the various community Christmas projects.

Mr. Lewis thanked everyone for attending, congratulated Mrs. Rogers for a good first year as superintendent, and wished everyone a good Christmas.

Mr. Norman thanked everyone for attending, congratulated Mrs. Rogers, praised the boys' basketball team for their recent help with the local food pantry, and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Mr. Brandes thanked everyone for attending, thanked Mrs. Rogers for a good year, and thanked Ms. Jutzi for spearheading the vision program.

Mr. Amberger dittoed what the other Board members had stated. He stated Mrs. Rogers was doing a wonderful job and looked forward to working with her for many years.

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

Meeting adjourned 7:22 p.m.