

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

MILAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION

JANUARY 8, 2018

The Board of School Trustees met in regular session at 7:07 p.m. on Monday, January 8, 2018. Attending were Board members Edward Amberger, Gregory Lewis, Michael Brandes and Douglas Norman and Timothy Tuttle. Also attending was Superintendent Jane Rogers. President Douglas Norman presided.

Mr. Tuttle motioned to approve the minutes from the executive session and the regular meeting on December 18, 2017. Seconded by Mr. Amberger. Motion carried 5-0.

Comments from Patrons/Staff:

Mr. Langferman, Mrs. Ahlrich, and Mrs. Hicks were present to highlight the first semester eLearning Days. Mrs. Hicks stated there were two dates used first semester. The 5th and 6th grades were included for the September 27th date, and on November 1st, all grades participated. The concept is ‘Building Leadership Through Responsible Learning’. All teachers created lessons for students to complete independently at home. Attendance was consistent with a normal school day, and there were no excused absences. Students who did not complete the assignments during the appropriate time frame were given an unexcused absence. Mr. Langferman stated afterwards, a survey was sent out to parents, students and teachers to obtain feedback. One comment from students and parents was that it was a great deal of work that needed to be completed. He noted it needed to be understood that an eLearning Day consisted of an entire day of school work, not just homework assignments. He stated high school students did not have too many issues with submitting assignments, and he received positive feedback from the teachers. Mrs. Ahlrich stated this was the first year for grades K through 4 to participate and it was a great learning experience. The elementary was a little bit more lenient, and some students took several days to complete the required assignments because they didn’t read the instructions carefully. She explained most of the elementary students were able to complete their assignments from home, and others went to a friend’s home or the public library to connect to the internet. She noted all information about the eLearning Day was posted on the elementary website with step by step instructions, and students were also given explanatory information to take home. Both principals stated the

teachers were present at their appropriate school and had 'office hours' for students to call in if they needed help. It was also noted how nice it was that teachers now have telephones in their rooms so they could answer the phone calls designated for them. Mrs. Hicks stated during the eLearning Day, teachers were engaged in professional development, working together to explore ways to engage students for higher learning. She noted they met in groups for problem solving activities and shared different ideas about lesson planning. The presentation concluded with a reiteration that Milan is a leader in digital technology in the classroom and will continue to grow and provide opportunities for students to become more responsible.

Old Business:

Mr. Lewis motioned to approve sections 2000's and 3000's for the new corporation policy handbook.

Seconded by Mr. Brandes. Motion carried 5-0.

New Business:

Mr. Amberger motioned to approve a fundraising request from Josie Bonilla to permit the FCCLA members to hold a breakfast for staff members on January 26, 2018. Seconded by Mr. Tuttle. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Tuttle motioned to approve a lease agreement request from Mike Allen to permit the archery team to use the high school facilities for a tournament on Saturday, February 24, 2018. The corporation will pay the custodial fees. Seconded by Mr. Lewis. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Brandes motioned to approve a field trip request from Josie Bonilla to permit 10-20 FCCLA members to attend the national FCCLA state leadership conference in Muncie from March 8-10, 2018. Seconded by Mr. Amberger. Motion carried 5-0.

Superintendent's Report:

Mrs. Rogers updated the Board on the eRate Category 2 purchases they previously approved which includes 6 network switches and 93 access points. She stated Bob Hahn from Trane will give a presentation at the February meeting on the energy savings program. She then invited Board members to attend a Logan Weber family night presentation at the high school on January 24th, which emphasizes that words matter in relationships, and parents and students need to talk and work together to solve differences.

Personnel:

Mr. Amberger motioned to approve a medical leave for elementary custodian, Shari Pennington, beginning January 15, 2018. Seconded by Mr. Tuttle. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Lewis motioned to approve a leave of absence for middle school instructional aide, Timmi Elbright, from January 29-April 20, 2018 in order for her to complete her student teaching requirement. Seconded by Mr. Brandes. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Lewis motioned to approve Mr. Luhring's recommendation to employ Beth Redwine to substitute for Shari Pennington during her medical leave; and Mr. Murphy's recommendation to employ Missy King to substitute for Timmi Elbright during her leave of absence. Seconded by Mr. Amberger. Motion carried 5-0.

Claims and Financial Report:

Mr. Tuttle motioned to approve vendor checks #40657 through #40690 , deposit advice #63365 through #63744, and the financial report. Seconded by Mr. Brandes. Motion carried 5-0.

President's Prerogative:

Mrs. Rogers extended congratulations to members of the junior class who had been recognized as 'Rising Stars' by the Indiana Association of School Principals – Margo Taylor, Nicole Tuttle, and Alyssa Brinkman. She stated these students are recommended by the principal based on classroom performance. This is the second year for the program and promotes student awareness within the state. She also congratulated all the sports teams for the successes during the winter season. She thanked Mr. Langferman, Mrs. Ahlrich and Mrs. Hicks for the presentation. She expressed her appreciation to Mr. Amberger for serving as board president this past year, and congratulated Mr. Norman for taking over this task.

Mr. Brandes thanked everyone for attending, and Mr. Langferman, Mrs. Ahlrich and Mrs. Hicks for the presentation.

Mr. Amberger thanked everyone for attending. He expressed how pleased he was with the eLearning days, noting this was the future for all schools in Indiana and he was glad we were leading the way. He stated our students are doing a great job, academically and athletically and he was proud of all of them.

Mr. Tuttle thanked everyone for attending, and stated the eLearning days were fantastic. He expressed his appreciation to all employees for their contributions, and thanked Mr. Amberger for having served as president this past year.

Mr. Lewis thanked Mr. Amberger for serving as president, and thanked Mrs. Rogers for the beginning of a great second year as superintendent. He thanked everyone for attending, and congratulated all the students for their accomplishments. He stated his appreciation to the custodial staff for their efforts to keep our facilities and grounds looking nice.

Mr. Norman thanked everyone for attending, thanked the administrators for their hard work, and expressed his appreciation to Mr. Amberger.

**Mr. Amberger motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Tuttle. Motion carried 5-0.
Meeting adjourned 7:38 p.m.**