

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

MILAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION

FEBRUARY 12, 2018

The Board of School Trustees met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, February 12, 2018. Attending were Board members Douglas Norman, Gregory Lewis, Timothy Tuttle, Michael Brandes and Edward Amberger. Also attending was Superintendent Jane Rogers. President Douglas Norman presided. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

A moment of silence was observed in memory of Ethan Strassell, a junior student who recently lost his life in a tragic accident.

Mr. Brandes motioned to approve the minutes from the executive session, the reorganization meeting, and the regular meeting on January 8, 2018. Seconded by Mr. Amberger. Motion carried 5-0.

Comments from Patrons/Staff:

Mrs. Rogers introduced senior student, Elizabeth Reckers, who was one of sixteen students presented with the Indiana CTE Award for Excellence for her outstanding work in Health Careers and Community Service. She received her award at a prestigious ceremony at the State House last week, where she also met Dr. Jennifer McCormick, the Indiana Superintendent of Public Instruction. Board members congratulated Elizabeth for her accomplishment.

Mrs. Rogers introduced wrestlers Shane Lonneman, Garrett Condo, John Rohrig and Jacob Rohrig. All four wrestlers advanced to the semi-state in their weight class.

Mrs. Rogers introduced Amy Streator from the Ripley County Community Foundation and Cheryl Obendorff from Genesis Pathways to Success. Mrs. Obendorff expressed her appreciation to the Board for their support over the past ten years. She stated the organization began as Eco15, and has evolved over the years. She noted Milan is doing exceedingly well in the computer science field and expressed her appreciation to Technology Coordinator, Brandy Hicks. She stated Mrs. Hicks has worked hard to promote the technology program, and has devoted many hours after school, on weekends and during the summer for the advancement of Milan's technology resources. As a token of

appreciation for this hard work, Mrs. Obendorff and Ms. Streator presented Milan with a \$1500.00 grant from the Foundation to support STEM education at Milan.

Mr. Norman read the following letter of thanks directed to the Milan Jazz Band – ‘Thank you for helping during our 2017 Christmas Kettle Drive. By ringing the bell and playing your instruments, you significantly contributed to various relief programs that provide assistance for those in need from our area. Your efforts directly raised \$454.88 of this year’s total of over \$28,000.00. I hope you will consider helping again next year. God Bless You, Sue Manford, Kettle Coordinator.’

Mrs. Anita Reckers addressed the Board, stating her daughters, Elizabeth and Sarah, were transfer students. She stated how happy she and her girls were with Milan schools and thanked the Board for permitting them to attend as transfer students, and for taking good care of them.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Bob Hahn and Lee Adameik from Trane gave a Powerpoint presentation update on the energy savings project. They stated the project was initiated to improve equipment efficiency, and to positively affect finances and the school environment. They used the year 2014 as a baseline, and noted the savings had exceeded all expectations. They thanked the maintenance supervisors for participating in training and for their due diligence. They ended by expressing their appreciation to the Board for inviting their company to work with Milan.

Mrs. Rogers reported Scott Richie, from Five Star Technologies, had gotten quotes from three vendors to provide internet services. The vendors were ENA, Frontier and SEI Communications. After comparing the services and pricing of the vendors, Mr. Richie recommended awarding the contract to SEI Communications for 300 MB Internet service for 60 months at a rate of \$2577 per month beginning in July, 2018 and ending June 30, 2023. He also recommended approval for the rate of \$4230 per month if it becomes necessary to up the bandwidth to 1000MB in the future. Mr. Lewis motioned to approve the recommendation. Seconded by Mr. Tuttle. Motion carried 5-0.

Mrs. Rogers stated athletic director, John Prifogle, had obtained quotes from three companies to clean and paint the high school gym ceiling and rafters, and the gym walls – G.H. Painters from

Batesville, Sharp Painting LLC from Batesville, and CertaPro Painters from Cincinnati, Ohio. Mrs. Rogers recommended approval of the quote from G.H. Painters from Batesville. The wall quote is for \$10,000, and the ceiling/rafter quote will range from \$11,000 to \$24,000 depending on the amount of work required. Mr. Gilbert will consult with Mr. Prifogle throughout every phase to complete the job satisfactorily and in a timely fashion. Mr. Brandes motioned to approve the recommendation. Seconded by Mr. Lewis. Motion carried 5-0.

Mrs. Rogers stated athletic director, John Prifogle, had obtained quotes from three companies to replace the two main basketball goals in the high school gym – Lee Company, Griffin Sports Equipment, and Next Level Sports Group. Mrs. Rogers recommended awarding the project to Lee Company at a cost of \$12,680.00. This cost includes removal of the old goals and installation of the new. The old goals will be used elsewhere in the corporation. Mr. Tuttle motioned to approve the recommendation. Seconded by Mr. Amberger. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Amberger motioned to approve the following fundraiser requests: (1) Ms. Amelung - to use DonorsChoose.org to raise funds so she can attend courses this summer to be certified to teach autism fitness in her classroom; (2) Yatzie Roysden – to permit the high school softball team to hold a clinic on Saturday, March 17th; (3) Lindsey Gilb – to permit the MMS Cheerleaders to hold a dance for grades 5/6 and 7/8 on April 13th; and (4) Brandy Bastin and Kevin Dines – to permit the MHS track team to sell partnership cards from Casey’s General Store from March 5th -16th; and the following conference requests: (1) Mr. Murphy to attend the Blueprints Conference for Health and Youth Development in Denver, Colorado from April 29th – May 2nd. There will be no cost to the corporation, all expenses are paid by a grant; and (2) Mr. Houze to attend the Indiana School Resource Officer Conference in Michigan City, from June 13-15, cost \$297.00. Seconded by Mr. Tuttle. Motion carried 5-0.

Superintendent’s Report:

Mrs. Rogers reported the graduation rate for last year was 91.4%. She noted Mr. Langferman is currently serving on a state committee to discuss the new graduation pathways and he will make a presentation to the Board at the March meeting. She stated ISTEP+ will start February 26 and run

through March 9, followed by IREAD for third grades. She stated the Intermediate School had received a \$2500 grant from REMC Operation Round-Up for updates to the town park playground. Mr. Murphy and the park board are working together on the renovation project. She congratulated the band students on their performances at District Solo and Ensemble contest this past weekend, where they achieved eleven gold and four silver medals. She noted the VEX Robotics teams had been very successful in their competitions and all three teams went to the finals in Union County. She ended her report by inviting everyone to attend the Special Olympics Polar Plunge at Versailles State Park on Saturday, February 17th, and noted the archery team was hosting a meet at the high school on February 24th.

Personnel:

Mrs. Rogers reported she had accepted the following resignations: Kevin Dines as middle school track coach; Lori Lewis as a part time cafeteria worker, effective March 2, 2018; Jane Brinkman as the elementary technology instructional assistant effective February 16, 2018; Eric Feller as a middle school teacher effective the end of the 2017-18 school year; and Tricia Doyle as a part time elementary cafeteria worker, effective February 1, 2018.

Mr. Brandes motioned to approve the following classified recommendations: Dr. Reale's recommendation to employ Delbert Drew as a substitute bus driver; (2) Mrs. Ahlrich's recommendation to employ Tricia Doyle as a ROD special education aide, until the end of the 2017-18 school year; and (3) Ginny Shannon's recommendation to employ Karen Kohlbrandt to fill the elementary part time position vacated by Tricia Doyle. Seconded by Mr. Amberger. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Tuttle motioned to approve the following extracurricular recommendations: Mr. Prifogle's recommendations to employ (1) Kyle Flynn as the girls' varsity tennis coach; (2) Kevin Dines as the boys' varsity track coach; (3) Scott Schmidt as the girls' varsity soccer coach.; and (3) Mr. Murphy's recommendation to employ John Prifogle as a middle school track coach. Seconded by Mr. Amberger. Motion carried 5-0.

Claims and Financial Report:

Mr. Tuttle motioned to approve vendor checks #40691 through #40779 , deposit advice #63745 through #64113, and the financial report. Seconded by Mr. Lewis. Motion carried 5-0.

President's Prerogative:

Mrs. Rogers stated she enjoyed the meeting and recognizing the students for their achievements, and all the good things and events taking place in our schools.

Mr. Brandes thanked everyone for attending, and Trane for the presentation. He congratulated the athletes on their achievements, and SEI for the new internet contract. He expressed his condolences to the Strassell family, noting this tragedy had been hard on the entire town.

Mr. Amberger thanked everyone for attending, and thanked the students for attending the meeting to be recognized for their achievements. He noted there are great things going on in academics and athletics.

Mr. Tuttle thanked everyone for attending and Trane for the presentation. He congratulated all the students who were recognized at the meeting, and ask for prayers for the Strassell family.

Mr. Lewis thanked everyone for attending and expressed sympathy to the Strassell family. He thanked the Ripley County Community Foundation for the grant, stating all the grant money helps to better our school system. He congratulated all the students who are succeeding in various academics and athletics.

Mr. Norman thanked everyone for attending, noting it was nice to see so many positive and exciting things happening at Milan

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