

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

MILAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION

DECEMBER 17, 2018

The Board of School Trustees met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, December 17, 2018, at Milan Elementary School. Attending were Board members Douglas Norman, Gregory Lewis, Michael Brandes, and Edward Amberger. Timothy Tuttle was absent. Also attending was Superintendent Jane Rogers. President Douglas Norman presided. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Lewis motioned to approve the minutes from the November 12, 2018 executive session and the regular meeting. Seconded by Mr. Brandes. Motion carried 4-0.

Comments from Patrons/Staff:

Elementary principal, Cinda Ahlrich, addressed the Board stating the elementary and intermediate schools had become Leader in Me schools last year, and this is the first year for the middle school. She noted this program was initiated three years ago and has participants worldwide. Milan was recently invited to do a break out session at a Leader in Me symposium in Indianapolis. This event was attended by administrators, teachers and students from all over Indiana. Elementary counselor, Brenda Schwering introduced three of the elementary participants, Cassidy Derico, Madison Disney, and Maddie Kohrman. They addressed the Board and told of their experience as a participant in the program, and as a presenter at the symposium. They ended their presentation with the 7 Habits Cheer. Stephanie Schwing-Stamper, school social worker, noted some of the activities practiced at the intermediate and middle schools. Intermediate/Middle school principal, Pat Murphy, stated the students and staff are working together to synergize and improve the schools. He noted this program gives students opportunities to step out of their comfort zones. He introduced Gabe Good, an 8th grader, who repeated his singing performance from the symposium. Through the program, Gabe has learned to overcome his reservations and be able to stand in front of a crowd and perform. He received a standing ovation from the audience.

Old Business:

Mr. Amberger motioned to approve NEOLA policies #7000-Property, #8000-Operations, and #9000-Relations. Seconded by Mr. Lewis. Motion carried 4-0.

Mrs. Rogers stated three options for the 2019-20 school calendar had been presented to the Board for their consideration. Mr. Lewis motioned to approve option 3. Highlights of the calendar are: August 5, 6, 7 Staff Days; August 8 First Student Day; September 2 Labor Day No School; October 7-11 Fall Break; October 17 eLearning Day; November 27-20 Thanksgiving Break; December 23-January 3 Winter Break; January 6 Second Semester begins; January 20 Martin Luther King Day*; February 17 President's Day*; March 20 No School*; March 23-27 Spring Break; April 10 Good Friday; April 13 No School*; May 25 No School; May 27-Last Student Day; May 28 Teacher ½ Day*, May 29*, May 30 Graduation. (*Possible Snow Make Up Day). Seconded by Mr. Brandes. Motion carried 4-0.

New Business:

Mr. Amberger motioned to approve a resolution authorizing the corporation treasurer, Gretchen Berger, to continue paying 2018 bills from the 2018 appropriations through the end of 2018; to encumber appropriations for bills created in 2018 and payable in 2019; and complete the transfer of appropriations from major accounts to balance out the 2018 year. All transfers from major accounts will be explained and approval requested at the January, 2019 Board meeting. Seconded by Mr. Brandes. Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Brandes motioned to approve a resolution to transfer \$91, 666.67 on a monthly basis from the education fund to the operations fund, for funds not allocated to student instruction and learning for the period of calendar year 2019. This amount is an estimate and a new resolution will be presented to the Board with a cost change, if necessary. Seconded by Mr. Amberger. Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Lewis motioned to approve a conference request from Kyle Sabol to attend the Notre Dame Strength and Conditioning Clinic in South Bend from February 22-23, 2019. Total cost of the event is \$337.30. Seconded by Mr. Amberger. Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Brandes motioned to approve a lease agreement from Mike Allen to permit the Archery Team to use the high school gym on Saturday, March 16, 2019 for a tournament from 7:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. There will be no charge for use of the facilities and the corporation will incur the cost of the custodial help. Seconded by Mr. Lewis. Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Lewis motioned to approve the following fundraisers: Varsity cheerleaders to hold a mini cheer camp on Saturday, January 12, 2019, at the elementary school; Mr. Stutler's service class to get pledges for new and used bikes for the Bikes for Tikes program, from December 8-19, 2018; Mr. Flynn's students to operate the Tribal Brew Coffee House; and the middle school PTO to sell items from Great American Fundraising from January 18-30, 2019. Seconded by Mr. Amberger. Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Lewis motioned to approve a request from Josie Bonilla to take 12 FCCLA members to the state leadership conference in Muncie from March 7-9, 2019. Seconded by Mr. Brandes. Motion carried 4-0.

Mrs. Rogers reminded Board members due to state mandated reorganization codes, the January meeting would be held on the 14th.

Superintendent's Report:

Mrs. Rogers reported the 1782 notice had been received confirming our tax rate and appropriations for the coming year. She noted the Teacher Appreciation Grant was distributed to teachers according to corporation policy and state statute. She informed the Board we are once again co-hosting the summer of eLearning conference at Batesville; and expressed her appreciation to Bluegill's Gang Chapter of Whitetails Unlimited for presented the archery team a \$2000.00 check to purchase supplies and equipment. She also noted Hillenbrand's had presented the high school with a \$500 grant to support the new student coffee shop.

Personnel:

Mr. Brandes motioned to amend the personnel agenda to add a certified recommendation. Seconded by Mr. Lewis. Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Lewis motioned to approve the resignation of Carol Schmidt as special needs instructional aide at the Middle School, effective December 7, 2018. Seconded by Mr. Amberger. Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Brandes motioned to approve Peggy Mix's letter of intent to retire as a high school teacher at the end of the 18-19 school year; and Glenda Thomasson's letter of intent to retire as a bus driver on December 31, 2018. Seconded by Mr. Amberger. Motion carried 4-0

Mr. Amberger motioned to approve Mrs. Ahlrich's recommendation to employ Amber Workman as an elementary special needs instructional aide to replace Donna Workman; Ginny Shannon's recommendation to employ Mary Calhoun to fill the part time opening at the high school, with a begin date of November 29, 2018; and Dr. Reale's recommendation to employ Lisa Taylor as a regular route bus driver. Seconded by Mr. Brandes. Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Lewis motioned to approve varsity wrestling coach Adrian Wilburn's recommendation, approved by Mr. Prifogle, to employ Travis Wilburn and Scott Roell as jr. high wrestling coaches. Seconded by Mr. Amberger. Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Lewis motioned to approve Missy Bowman as a homebound teacher for a special needs high school student. Seconded by Mr. Brandes. Motion carried 4-0.

Claims and Financial Report:

Mr. Amberger motioned to approve vendor checks #41525 through #41657, deposit advice #67749 through #68251, and the financial report. Seconded by Mr. Brandes. Motion carried 4-0.

President's Prerogative:

Mrs. Rogers thanked the staff members and the students for their Leader in Me presentation. She commented she enjoyed the solo performance of Gabe Good and expressed her pride in the teachers, students and staff members for their contributions to service learning. She noted some of the projects that connect the schools to the community were food drives, the Bike for Tikes project, the jazz band performing for the Salvation Army collections, and the assistance given to the Milan Council of Churches.

Mr. Brandes thanked everyone for attending and the students who presented for Leader in Me. He gave a 'shout out' to the Rising Sun Foundation and the Whitetail Association for their monetary contributions and wished Mrs. Mix a much deserved happy retirement.

Mr. Amberger thanked everyone for coming. He stated the students did a great job with their presentation, Gabe Good has a wonderful singing voice, and he was impressed at the innovation of the high school coffee shop. He noted all Milan students are future leaders; and expressed his gratitude to the organizations for their monetary assistance

Mr. Lewis thanked everyone for coming. He noted Mrs. Mix held a special place in his heart and it was hard to believe she was a new teacher when he was in school and now she is ready to retire. He thanked the various foundations for the assistance, and wished everyone a good Christmas.

Mr. Norman thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He stated the Leader in Me project was fantastic and offered the students character and leadership training that can be used in academics, business, or on the athletic field. He noted teachers are doing a very good job making the students productive citizens.

Mr. Amberger motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Brandes. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned 7:47 p.m.