

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

MILAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION

MARCH 18, 2019

The Board of School Trustees met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, March 18, 2019. Attending were Board members Timothy Tuttle, Gregory Lewis, Michael Brandes, and Douglas Norman. Edward Amberger was absent. Also attending was Superintendent Jane Rogers. President Timothy Tuttle presided. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Norman motioned to approve the minutes from the February 11, 2019 regular meeting and the February 25, 2019 executive session. Seconded by Mr. Lewis. Motion carried 4-0.

Comments from Patrons/Staff:

Mrs. Rogers introduced Fernando Gomez and his swim coach, Steve Stock. Fernando qualified and participated in the state swim meet. Mr. Stock stated Fernando was an excellent swimmer and finished 13th in the state and he is a good sport and great role model. Mr. Tuttle presented Fernando with a Certificate of Appreciation.

Members of the middle school Rube Goldberg team were present to tell the Board about their win in the middle school division. They will now compete at Nationals in Lawrenceburg. Mr. Tuttle presented a Certificate of Appreciation to team members Elly Potts, Aiden Potts, and Ava Honnert.

Brandy Hicks addressed the Board with news from the intermediate and middle school Robotics teams. She noted this is the first year for the Southeastern Indiana Robotics League and there are twenty-two local teams among nine schools. They met at Aurora Elementary and competed five times. Milan has seven teams and they all did very well in the competitions. Mr. Tuttle presented a Certificate of Appreciation to team members Ava Honnert, Gaige Colen, Trenton Langferman, Cilicia Nichoson, and Caleb Dixon.

Mrs. Hicks stated she had just found out Milan has been awarded a \$50,000 digital learning grant. She was very proud that Milan is receiving this grant two years in a row.

Members of the high school staff and several students were present as Mr. Tuttle presented high school principal, Mr. Langferman, with a Certificate of Appreciation for being named a Four Star School for the 2018-19 school year. Teachers attending were: Kyle Sabol, Alyssa Parr, Peggy Mix, Josie Bonilla, Melissa Bowman, Thomas Reale, Ethan Voss, Shelby Ison, Stefanie Bedel and Fernando Gomez.

Dr. Reale addressed the Board with some concerns.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Mr. Lewis motioned to approved the following fundraisers: (1) A request from Lindsay DeBolt to permit the MMS cheerleaders to hold a semi-formal dance on April 12th for grades 5-8; and (2) A request from Josie Bonilla to permit the FCCLA to hold a ‘Chocolate Tour’ on May 11th. Seconded by Mr. Brandes. Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Brandes motioned to approve the following lease agreements: (1) A request from Lindsay DeBolt to permit the MMS cheerleaders to use the cafetorium on Friday, April 12th from 3:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. for a semi-formal spring dance; (2) A request from Josie Bonilla to use the cafetorium and the atrium for the ‘Chocolate Tour’ on Saturday, May 11th, from 2:00 p.m. -6:00 p.m. *The corporation will pay the cost of a custodian for this event; (3) A request from girls summer softball to use the softball field from April 27-June29, for their activities; (4) A request from Babe Ruth baseball to use the high school baseball field from April 1- June 30th from 4:00 p.m. -9:00 p.m.; and (5) A request from Milan Summer Baseball to use the softball fields from June 28-30 for a tournament. *Mr. Prifogle has approved these last three with stipulations. Seconded by Mr. Norman. Motion carried 4-0.

Superintendent’s Report:

Mrs. Rogers reported the third grade iRead had begun and the iLearn would be held in April. She stated Mrs. Schwering had received a \$3000.00 grant from Duke Energy and the MES PTO had completed a STEM room at the elementary.

Personnel:

Mr. Lewis motioned to approve Fernando Gomez's resignation as a Spanish teacher at the end of the 2018-19 school year. Seconded by Mrs. Brandes. Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Lewis motioned to approve Paul Brunner's retirement at the end of the 2018-19 school year. Seconded by Mr. Brandes. Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Lewis motioned to approve the resignation of Savannah McCroskey as a part time custodian at the high school/middle school effective March 7, 2019, and Kevin Gilley's resignation as a full time middle school custodian effective March 18, 2019. Seconded by Mr. Norman. Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Lewis motioned to approve John Prifogle's resignation as the girl's middle school track coach and Daniel Fix's resignation as the boy's middle school track coach. Seconded by Mr. Brandes. Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Brandes motioned to approve Mr. Prifogle's recommendations to employ Bryan Beeler as the middle school girls' track coach, and to permit Danl Yorn to be a volunteer coach for varsity baseball; and Mr. Murphy's recommendation to employ John Prifogle as the middle school boys' track coach. Seconded by Mr. Lewis. Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Norman commented how dedicated Mr. Prifogle is to take on the task of coaching a team when he has so many other duties to perform. He noted his appreciation and said the Board needed to look for solutions to address this issue.

Claims and Financial Report:

Mr. Norman motioned to approve vendor checks #41803 through #41881, deposit advice #68986 through #69541, and the financial report. Seconded by Mr. Brandes. Motion carried 4-0.

President's Prerogative:

Mrs. Rogers expressed her gratitude to all the staff and students who attended the meeting and thanked the teachers for their hard work to help students be successful.

Mr. Norman stated it had been an exciting night with the staff and student accomplishments and he was proud the high school four star rating.

Mr. Brandes congratulated all the participants in the various activities. He thanked Mrs. Hicks for taking the time to write grants, congratulated the high school on their rating and thanked Mr. Brunner and Mr. Gomez for their service.

Mr. Lewis thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He congratulated the extracurricular participants, and thanked those who gave us grant monies. He stated he had been on the Board a long time and he considered himself a good steward of the taxpayers money and the Board was doing the best they could to spend money wisely.

Mr. Tuttle dittoed what the other members had said, congratulating Fernando Gomez, the Rube Goldberg team, and the Robotics team. He thanked Mr. Gomez for coming from Spain to teach Spanish, stated he appreciated everything everyone had done, and congratulated the high school for their four star rating.

Mr. Lewis motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Brandes. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned 7:27 p.m.