

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES**

**MILAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION**

**JUNE 21, 2010**

**The Board of School Trustees met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, June 21, 2010. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. All members present. Interim Superintendent R. Stephen Gookins and school attorney Larry Eaton present. Board president Timothy Tuttle presided.**

**Gregory Lewis motioned to approve the minutes of the regular and executive meetings on May 17, 2010, and the executive meeting on June 14, 2010. Seconded by Douglas Norman. Motion carried 5-0.**

**Comments from Patrons/Staff:**

**Elementary principal, Jane Rogers, addressed the Board. She began by thanking Tonya Marsee and her daughter, Tati, for being the team captains for Milan schools at the recent Relay for Life rally. She congratulated the team for raising over \$3800 for the cancer society. She then gave the Board information on Title I. She stated the Title I program is being revised for greater flexibility in serving more students and promoting greater support for academic programs. She told the Board she would keep them informed of the progress of the program.**

**Bill Bruns, director of operations, and Scott Bradley, project manager for the elementary school, gave a slideshow presentation of the progress of the QZAB project. Jeff Poole stated there had been no serious problems and the project was on schedule. Payment vouchers in the amount of \$434,265 have been submitted to date. A walk through date for the Board is being planned.**

**Patron Kevin Walter asked when the high school would be reinstated to the North Central Association. He stated his opinion that students were not getting the 'good' scholarship monies because we did not belong to the organization. He also asked when we would get a physics teacher, noting this subject was needed at Milan. Timothy Tuttle stated the Board would take these questions under advisement.**

MEA president, Sheri Cunningham addressed the Board stating she had telephoned all the Board members a few weeks ago and thanked three out of four for returning her call. She stated she had two topics to comment on tonight. Her first topic was to express teacher discontent with the recent posting of extracurricular positions. She stated teachers were surprised to find jobs they had done in the past on the posting list. She also noted there were separate postings for positions at half pay and volunteer positions. She stated the teachers had their feelings hurt by the posting lists. Her second topic concerned the way insurance was handled for some corporation employees this summer. She stated thirty years ago, people who left the school system, were covered by insurance throughout the summer in order to give them time to find other insurance. She commented it was a lengthy process for older people to get insurance coverage and their corporation coverage should not end in June. She stated her feelings about the corporation saving money, noting it was minimal savings to pay for insurance coverage for the teachers who had retired, resigned or been rified. She urged the Board to reconsider the decision to end corporation paid insurance for these people at the end of June. (This matter has had a grievance filed.)

Kristina Heitmeyer, rified teacher/aide, addressed the Board about the insurance issue stating she was having a hard time coming up with the money to pay for insurance coverage and asked the Board for consideration in this matter.

**Old Business: None**

**New Business:**

Douglas Norman motioned to approve a lease agreement with the Milan Park Board to permit the use of the high school and middle school parking lots on July 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, for 4<sup>th</sup> of July festivities. There will be no charge. Seconded by Edward Amberger. Motion carried 5-0.

Board members discussed a date for the reorganization meeting that must be held before July 15<sup>th</sup>. Their decision was to hold the meeting at 7:00 p.m. on July 8<sup>th</sup>.

Interim Superintendent Gookins stated physics would be reinstated into the high school curriculum and be taught by Alecia Fryman. He noted a computer applications class would also be reinstated. He asked the Board to approve the adoption of textbooks for these two classes. The physics book is published by Holt

Rinehart & Winston and costs \$59.70; and the computer applications book is published by McGraw Hill Company and costs \$39.00. Gregory Lewis motioned to approve adoption of these two books. Seconded by Edward Amberger. Motion carried 5-0.

Douglas Norman motioned to approve the textbook rental and lab fees for all three schools. Seconded by Gregory Lewis. Motion carried 5-0.

Edward Amberger motioned to approve a field trip request from Linda Oelker, Jeff Stutler and Zach Wade to take the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class to Washington D.C. from May 3<sup>rd</sup> to May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2011; and a request from Tresa Patz to take 4-6 members of the high school SADD group to Vincennes University to the Indiana Teen Institute from July 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>. Seconded by Gregory Lewis. Motion carried 5-0.

Edward Amberger motioned to approve the following fundraising requests: (1) 8<sup>th</sup> grade to sell raffle tickets from September 28<sup>th</sup> -October 22<sup>nd</sup>, to raise money for the Washington trip. They will be raffling off various meat products. They anticipate a profit of \$3000 - \$4000; (2) 8<sup>th</sup> grade to have a chili supper on Friday, January 21<sup>st</sup> to raise money for the Washington trip. They anticipate a profit of \$1000.00; (3) 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> graders to sell cookie dough from February 18<sup>th</sup> – March 4<sup>th</sup> to raise money for their individual Washington D.C. accounts. They anticipate a profit of \$8000; (4) Middle School PTO to sell stretch book covers throughout the year. This is more of a service project for the students to keep their textbooks in nice shape. The PTO will be making approximately ninety cents profit from each cover and intend to order 1000 covers; (5) Girls' basketball team to hold a golf scramble on July 17<sup>th</sup> at the Hoosier Links. They anticipate a profit of \$2000.00; and (6) The band to have their annual magazine sales from August 24<sup>th</sup> – September 7<sup>th</sup>, with an anticipated profit of \$6000. Seconded by Gregory Lewis. Motion carried 5-0.

Interim Superintendent Gookins introduced a new option from the Indiana Department of Education whereby students can earn physical education credits by participating in sports. He noted Principal Healy had consulted with Richmond schools where the model project for this endeavor was started. This option allows a student to earn one credit per semester for participation in a seasonal sport, and two for the school year. It was explained there are strict guidelines and a licensed PE teacher would issue all grades. This would allow flexibility in scheduling and give the student more options for academic classes. Principal Healy

believes this is a viable way to attain academic rigor and is good for the students. Randy Kirk questioned how often a student begins his senior year with no PE credits, asked about conflict between coach and student, wanted to know who had the final say on receiving the credit, and asked if there was something to protect the kids who don't participate in sports. Principal Healy stated there is a rubric to be followed and credit was based on participation and attendance. He also noted students could still avail themselves of the regular PE classes that were offered. Douglas Norman motioned to approve the PE credit plan as stated. Seconded by Gregory Lewis. Motion carried 5-0.

**Superintendent's Report:**

Interim Superintendent Gookins commented on the two finance seminars he had recently attended. He stated the current projected cash balance for the end of June might see us in the red. He noted at the recent budget workshop it was predicted the reductions for 2011 would be equal to or exceed those from 2010. He gave further information on state projections and cash flow problems.

**Personnel:**

Interim Superintendent Gookins informed the Board he had received resignations from the following: Judy White as middle school newspaper sponsor and middle school academic team coach; Todd Yates as high school boys' track coach; and Dara Stutler as Music/Choral teacher.

Gregory Lewis motioned to approve the following certified recommendations: Emily Kugler - high school Spanish position, Laura - high school art position, and Leah Fullenkamp - speech/language pathologist. Seconded by Douglas Norman. Motion carried 5-0.

Gregory Lewis motioned to approve the following extracurricular recommendations: Debra Johnson to receive the stipend for elementary yearbook advisor and Carla Holt to be a volunteer assistant; Anita Boggs to serve as the volunteer FFA sponsor for 2010-11; and Ryan Langferman to receive the stipend as summer weightlifting instructor. Seconded by Edward Amberger. Motion carried 5-0. Randy Kirk asked if Mr. Langferman had a weight lifting certification and was informed he did not.

**Claims and Financial Report:**

**Edward Amberger motioned to approve vendor checks #30459 through #32655, payroll checks #18305 through #19284, deposit advice #32145 through #32492 and the financial report.**

**Seconded by Gregory Lewis. Motion carried 5-0.**

**Items after 12:00 p.m. on June 16, 2010: None**

**President's Prerogative:**

**Randy Kirk welcomed the new employees and stated this was an open Board and they should feel free to contact them at any time. He also stated the Board would have an answer to the insurance issue very quickly.**

**Gregory Lewis congratulated the new employees and the spring athletes. He wished everyone a safe summer.**

**Douglas Norman thanked everyone for attending. He congratulated the new employees and gave Principal Healy kudos for helping the education program by reinstating the physics class and having a new way to earn a PE credit.**

**Edward Amberger thanked everyone for attending and congratulated the new employees. He apologized to Sheri Cunningham for not getting back to her. He noted he had talked to President Tuttle concerning the problems with the insurance and extracurricular postings and stated the Board needed to work on these issues. He expressed his appreciation to those involved in the Relay for Life.**

**Timothy Tuttle dittoed what other Board members had stated and welcomed the new hires. He noted his appreciation to the Poole Group and all others involved in the elementary project. He thanked everyone for attending and wished them a safe summer.**

**Edward Amberger motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Douglas Norman. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned 7:48 p.m.**