

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

**MILAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION**

**MARCH 14, 2022**

The Board of School Trustees met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, March 14, 2022. Attending were Board Members Edward Amberger, Gerald Gauck, Greg Lewis, Douglas Norman, and Timothy Tuttle. Also attending was Superintendent Jane Rogers. President Edward Amberger presided. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Tuttle motioned to approve the minutes from the February 14, 2022 work session, regular meeting and executive session. Seconded by Mr. Norman. Motion carried 5-0

**Comments from Patrons/Staff:**

Mr. Prifogle was in attendance and introduced Dylan Thomas to board members. Dylan recently competed in the state swim meet in the 100m breaststroke and finished with a personal best time of 59.19 placing 24th. Mr. Prifogle noted that Dylan is currently a sophomore at the high school and that he sees great potential in Dylan, and he will be a great competitor over the next two years. Mr. Prifogle also noted that Milan has one of the toughest sectionals across the state competing with many big schools and the swim team does a great job. Dylan's family was present and introduced. Danny Thomas, Dylan's father, thanked the administration and everyone at Milan for all the support for Dylan.

Mrs. Rogers also recognized several other groups at this time. One of the middle school robotics teams competed in the state VEX Competition at Lucas Oil Stadium on March 12. This was the first time a Milan team had qualified to compete at the state level. Kaitlyn Hicks, also a middle school student, serves on the STEM Advisory Council and

also attended the VEX Competition and served as a VIP tour guide. Also competing at the state level for the first time was the middle school Archery Team. The Indiana NASP event was hosted at the Indiana State Fairgrounds also on March 12. Twenty students were able to participate in the bullseye event while ten of those students also competed in the 3D portion. This was also the first time the middle school archery team has competed at the state level.

Board members were also informed that the National Honor Society recently inducted 16 new members to the Milan Chapter on March 13.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Mr. Hal Kovert with Kovert-Hawkins was present to inform board members that bids were received and opened for the MHS Gym Lobby Renovation/Weight Room Addition Project. It was noted that four bids were received for the project and all bids were considerably over the budgeted amount. After reviewing plans again and speaking with Damina Maggos, the finance advisor with Raymond James, it was recommended by Mr. Kovert that all bids be rejected and ask the bidders to rebid for the Gym Lobby Renovation portion of the project at this time, with the addition of the weight room being considered in a future project. After much discussion it was decided to proceed with Mr. Kovert's recommendations.

Mr. Norman motioned to approve the recommendation of Mr. Kovert to reject bids for the project. Seconded by Mr. Tuttle. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Norman motioned to approve Mr. Kovert's recommendation to request bidders to submit a new bid for the Gym Lobby Renovation Project. Seconded by Mr. Tuttle. Motion carried 5-0.

**Mr. Gauck motioned to approve a conference request for Jenny Laws to attend the AP-TIP Summer Institute for Language and Composition in Indianapolis, in July.**

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

**Mr. Tuttle motioned to approve a fundraiser request from Missy King for the middle school cheerleaders to host a Luau for intermediate and middle school students in May. Seconded by Mr. Gauck. Motion carried 5-0.**

**Mr. Norman motioned to approve a lease request from the Archery Team requesting to host the annual Milan Indians Warpath Shootout in April using the high school and middle school gyms and cafeteria. Seconded by Mr. Lewis. Motion carried 5-0.**

**Superintendent's Report:**

**The elementary cafeteria received an excellent rating from the IDOE during a school nutrition onsite review in February. There were no findings and no corrective action noted. Congratulations to Ginny Shannon and the elementary cafeteria staff.**

**We received a \$25,000 STEM Acceleration grant from the state for teacher training as we prepare for state required STEM certification for each school. Duke Energy awarded a \$10,000 grant to Milan Elementary for their summer reading program. Project AWARE awarded a \$5,000 Student Engagement Grant to help pay for high school students to assist with the REACH programming after school.**

**Personnel:**

**Mr. Tuttle motioned to approve four intent to retire notices: (1) Sherri Zornes, as elementary teacher after 37 years of service; (2) Brenda Schwering as the elementary school guidance counselor after 33 years of service; (3) Brenda Walter, as a middle school math teacher after 36 years of service; (4) Ron Prosser, as middle school english teacher after 33 years of service. All effective at the end of the 2021-22 school year.**

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

**Mr. Gauck motioned to approve Bonnie Walker's intent to retire at the end of the 2021-22 school year as the high school guidance secretary after 33 years of service for Milan Schools. Seconded by Mr. Lewis. Motion carried 5-0.**

**Mr. Norman motioned to approve Jessica Engleking's request for a maternity leave for the start of the 2022-23 school year with an anticipated return date of September 12, 2022. Seconded by Mr. Tuttle. Motion carried 5-0.**

**Mr. Lewis motioned to approve Mr. Rohrig's recommendation for Mary Tuttle to fill the home-bound instructor position at the elementary school. Seconded by Mr. Gauck. Motion carried 4-0, with Mr. Tuttle abstaining.**

**Mr. Norman motioned to approve Stephanie Schwing-Stamper's request to hire seven high school students to assist with the CARES Central after school program. Recommended students include: Adam Volz, Grace Bruce, Audrey Schmidt, Isabella Knueven, Renee Lillis, Payton Bledsoe, and Haley Mckeown. Seconded by Mr. Tuttle. Motion carried 5-0.**

#### **Claims and Financial Report:**

**Mr. Lewis motioned to approve the February claims and financial report. Seconded by Mr. Tuttle. Motion carried 5-0.**

#### **President's Prerogative:**

**Mrs. Rogers congratulated all of the retirees and appreciates all their loyalty and dedication over all their years of service. She also noted that Kindergarten registration will take place this week.**

**Mr. Norman thanked everyone for coming. He congratulated all of the retirees and thanked them for the many years of dedication.**

**Mr. Tuttle thanked everyone for coming. He congratulated Dylan again for making it to the state level for swimming. He also noted that the retirees will be missed and offered best wishes to them in their futures.**

**Mr. Lewis congratulated all the extra curricular students on their recent achievements. He congratulated all of the new retirees and wished them a long happy, healthy life ahead.**

**Mr. Gauck thanked everyone for coming. He also noted that while we all will miss the retirees in our schools, they will be remembered by many in the community for many years to come as they have touched many young lives over their careers.**

**Mr. Amberger thanked everyone for coming. It was great to hear about all the kids that recently competed at state levels. He congratulated the new retirees, noting they will be missed and wished them luck in their futures.**

**Mr. Tuttle motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Gauck. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.**

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**ADMINISTRATION BUILDING**

**412 EAST CARR STREET**

**MILAN, INDIANA 47031**

**MONDAY, MARCH 14, 2022**

**IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE REGULAR MEETING**

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**SUBJECT: IC5-14-1.5-6.1(b) 9 With respect to any individual over whom the governing  
body has jurisdiction and to discuss a job performance evaluation of individual employees**  
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**The undersigned Board members met on this date to discuss personnel issues.**

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