

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

## **MILAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION**

**APRIL 17, 2023**

**REGULAR MEETING:** ADMINISTRATION BUILDING @ 7:00 PM

### **CALL TO ORDER:**

Board Members in attendance were Greg Lewis, Gerald Gauck, Timothy Tuttle, Douglas Norman and Edward Amberger. Also attending was Superintendent Jane Rogers. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Greg Lewis. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS AND RECOGNITIONS**

- Mrs. Rogers introduced Mrs. Brandy Hicks to Board Members. Mrs. Hicks is the Robotics Coach and spoke briefly about the two teams that will be traveling to Dallas, Texas for World Competition. This year the program had 4 teams that qualified for state competition with 2 of those teams now advancing to worlds. Mrs. Rogers showed 2 videos produced by the IDOE with the first highlighting our Milan students and the second highlighting the state competition. Board Members thanked Mrs. Hicks for all her hard work with the program and wished them the best at World's.
- Mrs. Rogers introduced Zarah Hileman to the Board and informed board members that Mrs. Hileman, Mr. Langferman and herself were recently invited by the State Board of Education to give a presentation on how the Employability Skills and Innovation Grant was being used. The slideshow that Mrs. Hileman created for the state presentation was presented to board members, showing how the funds were being used to create a strong educational foundation at all grade levels. While in all grade levels, creating a K-12 streamline map focusing on different plans each quarter, activities, increased field trips and more hands-on opportunities for students. In addition the high school was able to add a new graduation pathway for students, and increase work based learning. Mrs. Hileman stated she felt that in the near future there may be more of a push from state legislators to offer more dynamic high school experiences, and feels like we have a head start in being able to offer this to our students with the help of this grant.

### **APPROVE AGENDA**

- The Board approved the agenda with no changes

Motion: Douglas Norman  
Second: Edward Amberger  
Vote: 5-0

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

- The board approved the minutes from the March 13, 2023 public hearing, regular meeting, and executive session and the March 23, 2023 special session.

Motion: Gerald Gauck  
Second: Tim Tuttle  
Vote: 5-0

- The board approved the claims and financial report.

Motion: Douglas Norman  
Second: Edward Amberger  
Vote: 5-0

## ACTION ITEMS

### A. PERSONNEL

- The board approved the following *certified resignations*:

Heather Hacker - Choir Director effective at the end of the 2022-23 school year

Stephanie SchwingStamper - Director of Student Support Services - effective at the end of the 2022-23 school year.

Motion: Tim Tuttle  
Second: Gerald Gauck  
Vote: 5-0

- The board approved the following *administrator recommendation*:

John Prifogle as Intermediate/Middle School Principal beginning July 2023, with a two year contract. Prifogle will replace the vacancy created by Pat Murphy moving into the superintendent position in July 2023.

Motion: Edward Amberger  
Second: Tim Tuttle  
Vote: 5-0

- The board approved the following *certified recommendations*:

Brooke Parker as MHS English Teacher  
David Carpenter as Milan Intermediate School Teacher  
Holly Johnson as Milan Intermediate School Special Education Teacher

Motion: Douglas Norman  
Second: Tim Tuttle  
Vote: 5-0

- The board approved the following *extracurricular recommendation*:

Jim Bode as Girls JV Softball Coach

Motion: Gerald Gauck  
Second: Tim Tuttle  
Vote: 5-0

### B. WEIGHT ROOM ADDITION BID

- Hal Kovert, architect, was present to review the bid opening that was held for the weight room addition project. Mr. Kovert recommended proceeding with The Poole Group. Work will begin immediately.

Motion: Timothy Tuttle  
Second: Edward Amberger  
Vote: 5-0

C. SEI REQUEST

- SEI is working with the Ripley County Community Foundation and the Milan Park Board to bring Wifi to the Darren Baker Shelter/Building, located off the Hwy 101 park entrance. This project is a combination of grant and self-funding, with the RCCF leading the project. In order for SEI to provide a cost effective solution for this project, they would like to access our fiber hand-hole which is located in the south yard of the school's property. SEI will construct a buried fiber drop from this hand-hole to the park shelter. Mrs. Rogers recommended approval.

Motion: Douglas Norman  
Second: Tim Tuttle  
Vote: 5-0

D. FUNDRAISER REQUESTS

The board approved the following fundraiser requests:

- Request from Ryan Langferman for the Varsity Football team to host a Youth Football Camp in May.
- Request from Jeff Stutler for the High School Baseball team to sell sponsor signs in April.
- Request from Jesse Baugh and the FFA to sell plants grown by students in the greenhouse.
- Request from Moving MES Forward to allow students request donations for the 2nd annual Indian Fun Run.

Motion: Edward Amberger  
Second: Gerald Gauck  
Vote: 5-0

E. FIELD TRIP REQUEST

The board approved the following field trip requests:

- A request from Carol Schmidt for Madison Cavins to travel to Orlando, Florida to attend the JAG National Career Development Conference in April.
- A request from Mrs. Hicks for the elementary Robotics Team to travel to Dallas, Texas to attend the VEX Robotics Worlds Competition in May.
- A request from Mike Allen for the High School Archery Team to travel to Louisville, KY to attend the NASP National Archery Tournament in May.

Motion: Timothy Tuttle  
Second: Douglas Norman  
Vote: 5-0

F. CONFERENCE REQUEST:

The board approved the following conference request:

- A request from Dan Goris to attend the IDOE-School Safety Academy in Indianapolis.

Motion:	Edward Amberger
Second:	Gerald Gauck
Vote:	5-0

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

A. SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

- IN-MAC, from Purdue University, gave a \$2,000 grant to help offset costs for the students attending the Robotics World Competition
- Mrs. Rogers reported that 100% of our buses passed the state inspection that took place earlier in the day. Thanks to Mike Brandes and our bus drivers for preparing the buses and maintaining safe, operational buses.
- ILEARN testing in grades 3-8 will begin on Tuesday, April 18, 2023 and continue the next two weeks. Advanced Placement and dual-credit assessments in the high school will begin in May.
- The gym lobby is nearing completion. It will be ready for use for the prom walk-through on May 6 and graduation.
- Graduation will take place on Saturday, May 27, at 10:00 a.m.

**PRESIDENT'S PREROGATIVE - Board Comments**

Mr. Norman thanked everyone for coming. Congratulations to all our new hires. Congratulations to Robotics, JAG and Archery, great job to all and representing Milan so well.

Mr. Amberger thanked everyone for coming. He welcomed Ms. Parker and congratulated Mr. Prifogle on his new administrative position and Mrs. Hicks on a successful season. We have a lot of really good things going on in our schools, great hires, programs, and the people doing great things for our kids at school.

Mr. Tuttle thanked everyone for coming. He congratulated Mrs. Hileman and Mrs. Hicks. Welcomed new staff and congratulated Mr. Prifogle. He welcomed Ms. Parker.

Mr. Gauck thanked everyone for coming. He congratulated the new teachers and Mr. Prifogle. Looking forward to keeping things going takes everyone working together. He thanked the community for supporting the kids and their programs.

Mr. Lewis congratulated all the new hires and to Mr. Prifogle. It was great to see all the people and events going on at the high school tonight. He thanked everyone for coming.

## ADJOURN

- Meeting adjourned at 7:31 PM  
Motion: Timothy Tuttle  
Second: Edward Amberger  
Vote: 5-0

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**MILAN, INDIANA 47031**

**MONDAY, APRIL 17, 2023**

**6:00 P.M.**

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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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**IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE REGULAR MEETING**

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**SUBJECT: IC5-14-1.5-6.2 D For discussion of strategy with respect to the purchase or lease of property.**

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