

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

**MILAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION**

**JUNE 21, 2021**

The Board of School Trustees met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, June 21, 2021. Attending were Board Members Douglas Norman, Gerald Gauck, Timothy Tuttle, Edward Amberger, and Greg Lewis. Also attending was Superintendent Jane Rogers. President Douglas Norman presided. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Tuttle motioned to approve the minutes from the May 17, 2021, regular school board meeting and work session as well as the May 24, 2021 executive session and May 26, 2021 special session. Seconded by Mr. Gauck. Motion carried 5-0.

**Comments from Patrons/Staff:**

Brenda Coleman was present at the meeting and read a thank you note expressing her appreciation to Mr. Langferman and the school corporation for allowing her daughter, Tora Coleman to be the first student to receive an associate's degree while attending Milan High School.

Mrs. Rogers took this time to introduce newly hired teachers to the board members, welcoming them to Milan Community Schools.

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

Mrs. Rogers requested that the New Business Agenda be amended to add Item H. Technology Loan. President Norman sought approval. Mr. Gauck motioned to approve and Mr. Amberger seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Tuttle motioned to approve Mrs. Rogers recommendation of the Back to School Plan for the 2021-22 school year. The plan is required by the federal government for all schools in order to receive federal funding. It outlines strategies for continuing to offer safe, in-person instruction as occurred the last school year. Wearing masks will be optional this school year. The plan will be reviewed and updated at the next board meeting in case there are additional changes prior to school starting. Seconded by Mr. Gauck. Motion carried 5-0.

**Mr. Lewis motioned to approve the 2021-2022 student handbooks with proposed changes for each school from the principals. Seconded by Mr. Amberger. Motion carried 5-0.**

**Mr. Amberger motioned to approve the Chromebook/iPad Handbook for the 2021-22 school year requested by Mrs. Rogers. Seconded by Mr. Lewis. Motion carried 5-0.**

**Mr. Amberger motioned to approve the student fees for books and meals for the 2021-22 school year. Mrs. Rogers told the board that each student will receive a \$30 discounted book fee which will be provided with ESSER funds. She also reminded the board that the USDA notified all schools that all students will receive free meals this year. Seconded by Mr. Gauck. Motion carried 5-0.**

**Mr. Lewis motioned to approve a request from Five-Star for permission to recycle old technology equipment that has been declared obsolete. Seconded by Mr. Tuttle. Motion carried 5-0.**

**Mr. Lewis motioned to approve a fundraiser request for the middle school band to sell candy bars from World's Finest Chocolate to raise funds for band instruments and equipment. Seconded by Mr. Amberger. Motion carried 5-0.**

**Mr. Tuttle motioned to approve a conference request from Jessica Small-Summers to participate in a virtual conference with Texas A&M for AP Physics curriculum. Seconded by Mr. Gauck. Motion carried 5-0.**

**Mr. Gauck motioned for approval to seek a technology loan from the state to offset the costs of student technology devices. Mrs. Rogers explained that this information was received after the board agenda was set, but needed approval prior to the July meeting. The school applies for this loan annually. Mr. Amberger seconded. Motion carried 5-0.**

**Superintendent's Report:**

**Mrs. Rogers shared that Officer Noel Houze and Social Emotional Learning Coordinator Stephanie Schwing-Stamper applied for and received a competitive state grant for \$25,000 to create a student-led safety team next year. The group will focus on anti-bullying and anti-vaping. It will coordinate nicely with the Project AWARE grant initiatives that have started.**

**The final invoice for the freezer/cafeteria work completed last year has come in. The total cost of the project came in \$67,342 less than the bid amount.**

Board members were given an update on the construction progress. At the high school and middle school the office renovations are underway, the sewage drains have been installed and roofing work continues. At the elementary school the portables are in the process of moving out, ceiling tiles are being replaced, and the renovation of the front restrooms continues.

**Personnel:**

Mr. Tuttle motioned to approve Mrs. Ahlrich's intent to retire at the end of the first semester.

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

Mr. Amberger motioned to approve the following resignations. (1) Ashley Sedler's resignation as a part-time learning disabled teacher at the elementary school and (2) Jeff Greiwe's resignation as a sixth grade teacher at the intermediate school. Seconded by Mr. Gauck. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Lewis motioned to approve two recommendations from Mr. Langferman. (1) Erin Wuestefeld to fill the Special Education teaching vacancy at the high school created by Mr. Butte's transfer to the intermediate school and (2) Taylor Mann to fill the Math Teacher vacancy created by Mr. Rohrig's promotion. Seconded by Mr. Tuttle. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Gauck motioned to approve the resignations of Harley Bruns as a part-time instructional aide at the elementary school and Brittany Collins in the elementary school cafeteria. Seconded by Mr. Amberger. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Tuttle motioned to approve two recommendations from Mrs. Ahlrich. (1) Melinda McMullin as a one-to-one paraprofessional at the elementary school and (2) Alayanna Lawrence to fill the full-time preschool assistant position. Seconded by Mr. Lewis. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Tuttle motioned to approve the following extracurricular resignations. (1) Brenda Walter as the high school Academic Team Coach (2) Lindsay DeBolt as the middle school cheer team coach. Seconded by Mr. Amberger. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Amberger motioned to approve Mr. Prifogle's recommendation for the high school and middle school cheer coaches. Timmi Jones as Varsity Heach Coach, Lindsey DeBolt as Varsity Assistant and Missy King as middle school coach. Seconded by Mr. Gauck. Motion carried 5-0.

**Claims and Financial Report:**

Mr. Lewis motioned to approve the May claims and financial reports. Seconded by Mr. Tuttle.

Motion carried 5-0.

**President's Prerogative:**

Mrs. Rogers thanked the new teachers and their families for attending the cookout prior to the board meeting.

Mr. Lewis thanked everyone for coming. He gave his well wishes to all the new staff.

Mr. Amberger welcomed the new staff. He thanked Mrs. Rogers for the water damage updates that occurred after the storm Friday.. He also gave a huge thank you to the community as a whole for all the help during last Friday's storms.

Mr. Tuttle thanked everyone for coming and welcomed all the new staff. He thanked Brenda Coleman for expressing thanks to the school and said that the opportunity to obtain dual credit courses is a benefit to our students and families.

Mr. Gauck welcomed all the new staff. He also expressed thanks to the community for coming together and helping out after Friday night's storms.

Mr. Norman echoed his thanks and appreciation for the community coming together and helping neighbors in need of help with cleaning up after the storms.

Mr. Tuttle motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Gauck. Motion carried 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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