

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
MILAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION**

AUGUST 16, 2021

The Board of School Trustees met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, August 16, 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 July 19, 2021 regular school board meeting and executive session. Seconded by Mr. Gauck. Motion carried 5-0.

Comments from Patrons/Staff:

Mr. Prifogle was in attendance and presented the ORVC Boys Trophy from the 2020-21 school year to board members. He noted that this is the first time in 21 years that the boys had won the trophy and noted they did so in the midst of a pandemic; all of our student athletes worked hard in each sport and adapted to the ever changing COVID protocols.

Mrs. Schwing-Stamper and Haley McKeown, a junior, were also in attendance and shared with board members of their experience at the Indiana Statehouse in August for the Project AWARE Mental Health Roundtable. Hayley was chosen as a Student Ambassador to represent Milan, one of eight schools chosen by the state for the roundtable event. Haley stated that she was able to voice her concerns of mental health issues in our school/community and her topic of increasing advisors in schools. Mrs. Rogers thanked Haley for representing Milan at this important event.

Old Business: none

New Business:

Mr. Lewis motioned to approve the Milan RISE Teacher Evaluation Plan, with no changes from the prior year. Seconded by Mr. Amberger. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Tuttle motioned to approve the Teacher Appreciation Grant Policy, as required by the state. There were no changes to the policy. Seconded by Mr. Lewis. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Gauck motioned to approve a recommendation allowing an employee who tests positive for COVID up to eight days of paid sick leave during the time the employee is sick with COVID. This would be in effect thru December and will be revisited at that time if needed. Seconded by Mr. Amberger. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Tuttle motioned to approve a field trip request from Mr. Healy, Mrs. Walter, Mr. Wade and Mrs. Bastin for the 8th Grade Washington D.C. trip May 16-22, 2022; the trip would follow any COVID guidelines that are in place at the time of the trip. Seconded by Mr. Lewis. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Amberger motioned to approve a conference request from Mr. Prifogle to attend the IIAAA Conference September 25-28, 2021 in Indianapolis and a request for Ms. Porter to attend the CTE Professional Development Conference September 23-25, 2021 in Indianapolis. Seconded by Mr. Gauck. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Tuttle motioned to approve two lease requests. (1) Child Evangelism Fellowship to host Good News Club at the elementary school after school, starting in September. (2) A request for Milan Aquatics to use the pool at the elementary school for the fall/winter season starting in September. Seconded by Mr. Amberger. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Lewis motioned to approve seven fundraiser requests. (1) A request from Mrs. Bedel for the high school band to sell popcorn from The Goodies Factory. (2) A request from Mrs. Healy for the high school volleyball team to host a serving challenge for

spectators at home games and to sell t-shirts. (3) A request from Mr. Fix for the high school boys soccer team to sell personalized items from Adrenaline Fundraising. (4) A request from Ms Parr and Ms Porter for the Art Club and FFA to host the Milan Craft Fair in November. (5) A request from Mrs. Voss for the Girls Varsity Basketball Team to host a Free Throw-a-Thon throughout the season. (6) A request from Mrs. Voss for the High School Girls Varsity Basketball team to host a golf outing in September. (7) A request from Ms. Porter for the FFA to sell t-shirts. Seconded by Mr. Amberger. Motion carried 5-0.

Superintendent's Report:

Mrs. Rogers shared that a \$2,500 donation from Genesis Pathways to Success, a part of the Ripley County Community Foundation, was received, to support the Milan High School JAG program.

Mrs. Rogers notified board members that Title 511 IAC 6.1-2-2.5 (b) requires the superintendent to certify the emergency preparedness plans for each school and the school corporation within sixty (60) days after the beginning date of each school year. SRO Houze prepared and updated the plans and they have been certified for the school year. The only change made is the implementation of a Safe School Committee to replace the Crisis Response Teams in each building. Many of the staff identified on the CRT have since left so it was time to update members and their roles and responsibilities.

Board members were reminded of the budget calendar that they received at the July Board meeting, and that the Public Hearing would take place on September 20 at 7:00 p.m. about Capital Projects and Bus Replacement. The regular meeting will follow. The board will adopt the budget at the October meeting.

Personnel:

Mr. Lewis motioned to approve two certified resignations. (1) Amanda Ruehlmann's resignation as an elementary teacher. (2) Kristina Hartman's resignation as a special education teacher at the elementary school. Seconded by Mr. Gauck. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Lewis motioned to approve the following certified recommendations. (1) Mr. Rohrig's recommendation to hire Renee McCann, Samantha Hensley, Hanna Chasteen as elementary teachers, and Michelle Broering to transfer to the special education teaching position. (2) Mrs. Rogers recommendation to hire Tina Mutz to serve as the corporation test coordinator. (3) Mrs. Rogers recommendation to enter into a contract with Kings Daughters Hospital for speech therapy services one day a week to cover the maternity leave of Alicia Narwold. Seconded by Mr. Amberger. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Tuttle motioned to approve the resignation of Dixie Cline as a bus driver. Seconded by Mr. Lewis. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Gauck motioned to approve the following recommendations, (1) Mr. Langferman's recommendation to hire Trista Poman as an instructional assistant at the high school. (2) Mr. Rohrig's recommendations to hire Ashley Eldridge, Tracy Hodges, Heather Hacker, and Baylee Yorn as instructional assistants at the elementary school. (3) Mr. Murphy's recommendation to hire Skyla Clark as an instructional assistant at the middle school. (4) Mrs. Shannon's recommendation to hire Nancy Brandt part time in the elementary school cafeteria. Seconded by Mr. Tuttle. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Lewis motioned to approve the extracurricular resignations of Brandy Bastin as the Varsity Girls Track Coach and Mr. Wade's resignation as High School Academic Team Coach. Seconded by Mr. Amberger. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Amberger made a motion to approve Mr. Rohrig's extracurricular recommendation for Heather Sterwerf to serve as the High Ability Coordinator.

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

Claims and Financial Report:

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

President's Prerogative:

Mrs. Rogers thanked the administration team, custodial and maintenance staff, and teachers for all the work over the summer and preparing for a successful Open House last weekend. There was a great turnout for the Open House in all buildings. School started off very well last week.

Mr. Lewis thanked everyone for coming and how proud he is of our little school for pulling together for a successful start.

Mr. Amberger thanked everyone for coming. He thanked Haley and Mrs. Schwing-Stamper for their presentation and mentioned it was great to hear that Haley really enjoyed the experience.

Mr. Tuttle thanked everyone for coming. He thanked Stephanie and Haley for the great work with Project AWARE. He thanked Genesis Pathways for the grant and that all grants big or small that we receive are truly a big help to our school.

Mr. Gauck thanked everyone for coming. He wished everyone a successful start in academics and sports. He noted there are a lot of things taking place behind the scenes and thanked everyone for their hard work in getting school started back up for the year.

Mr. Norman thanked everyone for coming and thanked everyone for all their work getting school back up and running. Things seem to be going well and everyone is doing a fantastic job.

Mr. Amberger motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Lewis. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

President

Member

Vice-President

Member

Member