

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

MILAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION

NOVEMBER 15, 2021

The Board of School Trustees met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, November 15, 2021. Attending were Board Members Gerald Gauck, Edward Amberger, and Greg Lewis. Also attending was Superintendent Jane Rogers. Doug Norman and Timothy Tuttle were absent. Vice President Gerald Gauck presided. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Lewis motioned to approve the minutes from the October 18, 2021 public hearing, regular meeting and work session. Seconded by Mr. Amberger. Motion carried 3-0.

Comments from Patrons/Staff:

Ms. Porter introduced two members of the FFA, Shelly Hoffrogge, President and Jocelyn Allen, Vice President. Recently FFA members traveled to Indianapolis to attend the National FFA Convention. The group was able to attend several presentations, the expo, speak to representatives from colleges and attend a rodeo that was put on just for the attendees of the FFA convention. Both Shelly and Jocelyn spoke of their experiences and what it meant to them to be able to attend. Both girls mentioned how great it was to meet other students from other states and hearing how different each FFA program worked in their schools, and how great it was to be with all these students from all these areas how nice it was to have the generally same interest and how accepting everyone was to each other no matter what school or area they were from. Ms. Porter thanked the board for allowing them to attend this event and they look forward to being able to attend

next year. Mrs. Allen, Jocelyn's mother, also thanked the board members, administrators and staff for all their support of the FFA program. She noted that her oldest daughter was involved in the program as well when in high school and how much she benefited from the program and is now in the agricultural program at Purdue.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Hal Kovert presented the next phase of the building renovation projects. He presented the high school gym lobby renovation and weight room addition plans. The renovation to the lobby would include updated restrooms that would be ADA compliant, the addition of a family restroom, new concession stand and trophy room, as well as a uniform storage and laundry area. Hal noted that in the designs his staff was trying to project a retro feel and look to the area. He also noted that the project would start in phases so as to not disrupt normal events that will continue to take place throughout the renovation process. Mr. Amberger motioned to approve option A presented by Mr. Kovert, seconded by Mr. Lewis. Motion carried 3-0. This process will allow Kovert Hawkins to continue with finalizing the plans, but noted changes could still be made if necessary as the project progresses.

Mr. Kovert also provided an update on the roofing project that continues to take place. Several areas have been marked completed and work continues in the remaining areas. The roofing company has been able to keep materials coming in, but continue to struggle with the enough labor.

Mr. Lewis motioned to approve a recommendation from Mrs. Rogers for Dave Pattersons proposal of snow removal rates for the upcoming winter season. Seconded by Mr. Amberger. Motion carried 3-0.

Mr. Gauck motioned to approve revisions to Appendix A of the Classified Employee Handbook. Two clarifying revisions were necessary to update the salary schedule explanation in the handbook. Seconded by Mr. Lewis. Motion carried 3-0.

The first reading of the 2022-23 School Calendar was presented to board members. The proposed calendar has already been discussed with the administration and union representatives. Mrs. Rogers will seek approval at the December board meeting.

NEOLA Policy updates were presented for the first reading. Changes were made due to recent changes in legislation. Approval will be requested at the December meeting.

The December meeting will be held on the second Monday of the month. The December 13th meeting was approved in January due to the third Monday coinciding with the start of the Winter Break.

Mr. Lewis motioned to approve a field trip request from Stefani Bedel for the 2022 Band Tour for high school band members from March 10-13, 2022. Seconded by Mr. Amberger. Motion carried 3-0.

Mr. Gauck motioned to approve a lease request for the Tribe Youth Wrestling Club to use the Athletic Building for youth wrestling practice on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Seconded by Mr. Amberger. Motion carried 3-0.

Mr. Amberger motioned to approve two fundraising requests. (1) A request from Kenna Porter for the FFA to conduct the annual fruit and jam sale. (2) A request from Carla Thomas and the Tribettes to hold a bake sale at the band concert in December. Seconded by Mr. Gauck. Motion carried 3-0.

Superintendent's Report:

Mrs. Rogers informed board members that Mrs. Hicks has received a \$2,700 grant from the Ripley County Community Foundation that will be used to help support the Robotics Team.

Mrs. Rogers complimented students and staff on the different ways each building celebrated Veterans Day this past week. The High School Student Council conducted a virtual ceremony for all classes to watch during their activity periods, it included performances by the Show Choir and 4th grade classes, as well as interviews with veterans and a brief history of each branch of service. The middle and intermediate school students made signs that were posted along the road in front of the school thanking veterans and at the elementary school students in K-2 made a flag using handprints that was presented to the Milan Legion and grades 3-4 made cards that were sent to local veterans thanking them for their service.

Personnel:

Mr. Amberger motioned to approve three classified recommendations. (1) Mr. Langferman's recommendation to hire Whitney Livingstn as a Special Education Aide at the high school. (2) Mr. Brandes' recommendation to hire Mark Konradi as a Corporation Bus Driver. (3) Mr. Rohrig's recommendation to hire Michele Sohmer as the Elementary School Nurse. Seconded by Mr. Lewis. Motion carried 3-0.

Mr. Gauck motioned to approve Brenda Walters' resignations as the coach for both the Senior and Junior Spell Bowl teams. Seconded by Mr. Lewis. Motion carried 3-0.

Mr. Lewis motioned to approve extracurricular recommendations from Mr. Prifogle for the winter sports. (1) Wrestling - Adrian Wilburn, Varsity; Ron Prozanski, JV; Travis Wilburn, Middle School and Adam Brinkman and Jacob Rohrig as volunteers. (2) Boys Basketball - Randy Combs, Head Varsity Coach; Luke Williams, JV Coach; Travis Butte, Freshman and Varsity Assistant; Ethan Voss, Volunteer Varsity Assistant; Jeff Stutler, 8th

Grade; Zach Hensel, 7th Grade; Travis Rohrig, 6th Grade; Joel Norman, 5th Grade; Rob Potter, 4th Grade; Travis Butte, 3rd Grade and Brad Voss, 2nd Grade. (3) A change in the Girls Basketball recommendations from last month - Brittany Lohrum as Freshman Coach and Brian Voss and Jeff Stutler as volunteer coaches. Seconded by Mr. Amberger. Motion carried 3-0.

Claims and Financial Report:

Mr. Lewis motioned to approve the October claims and financial report. Seconded by Mr. Amberger. Motion carried 3-0.

President's Prerogative:

Mrs. Rogers reminded everyone of the craft fair taking place on Saturday from 10-3 at the high school. She also took this time to note that this is the season of thanksgiving, and is a great time to pause and be thankful. She is thankful for the wonderful community here at Milan as well as the staff, administration and a caring school board.

Mr. Lewis thanked everyone for coming and thanked Ms. Porter and her FFA representatives for attending. It was great to hear about their experiences. He noted he can't believe the year is almost over and noted we should be thankful for what we have.

Mr. Amberger thanked everyone for coming. He thanked the FFA members for coming and it was great to hear what they learned. He was glad they were able to represent our school. He expressed his thanks for all the grants we have been able to receive, they help the kids so much. Mr. Amberger mentioned that the Milan Christmas walk is something new and exciting for a community and will be taking place on November 27th.

Mr. Gauck thanked everyone for coming. He mentioned that it is always good to see the good things the students are doing, and it does the heart good. He wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Adjourn:

Mr. Amberger motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Lewis. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

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Vice-President

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