

**MINUTES OF THE REORGANIZATION MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
MILAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION
JANUARY 10, 2022**

The Board of School Trustees met in a special session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, January 10, 2022, for the purpose of reorganization. Attending were Board members Timothy Tuttle, Greg Lewis, Edward Amberger, and Gerald Gauck. Douglas Norman was absent. Also attending was Superintendent Jane Rogers.

Mr. Gauck opened the floor for nominations.

Mr. Lewis motioned to nominate Mr. Amberger for President. Seconded by Mr. Tuttle. Motion carried 3-0-1, with Mr. Amberger abstaining.

Mr. Amberger motioned to nominate Mr. Gauck for Vice-President. Seconded by Mr. Lewis. Motion carried 3-0-1, with Mr. Gauck abstaining.

Mr. Tuttle motioned to nominate Mr. Lewis for Secretary. Seconded by Mr. Amberger. Motioned carried 3-0-1, with Mr. Lewis abstaining.

Mr. Gauck motioned to approve the following appointments: Gretchen Berger as Corporation Treasurer, Michelle Carpenter as Deputy Treasurer, the Superintendent or her designee as the Career Center Representative, the Southeastern Learning Center Representative, Wilson Education Center Representative, and R.O.D. Representative, Mr. Lewis, as board secretary, to serve as the ISBA legislative representative, Larry Eaton as the corporation attorney, and the officers of the Board to serve as the Board of Finance. Seconded by Mr. Tuttle. Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Tuttle motioned to approve participation in the following: At Risk, High Ability, Indiana Online, R.O.D. Special Education Cooperative, School Food and Nutrition Program, Southeastern Career Center, Southeastern Indiana School Insurance Trust, Southeastern Indiana Schools Study Council, Textbook Rental Program, Title Programs, Unified Purchasing Cooperative of the Ohio River Valley, and the Wilson Education

Center. The motion included the Osgood Journal and the Versailles Republican as the designated newspapers for advertisements. Seconded by Mr. Gauck. Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Lewis motioned to approve the 2022 regular meeting date as the 3rd Monday of the month and the time as 7:00 p.m. except for January, February and March. The following are the approved dates for the regular school board meetings of 2022: January 10, February 14, March 14, April 18, May 16, June 20, July 18, August 15, September 19, October 17, November 21 and December 19. The 2023 reorganization meeting will be held on January 9, 2023. Seconded by Mr. Gauck. Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Tuttle motioned to approve the yearly stipend and compensation amounts for board members for each meeting. Seconded by Mr. Gauck. Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Lewis motioned to authorize the corporation treasurer, Gretchen Berger, to use the safe deposit box and also for the Board President to appoint individual Board members to any necessary committees or as representatives to various organizations. Seconded by Mr. Tuttle. Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Tuttle motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Gauck. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned 7:08 p.m.

President

Member

Vice-President

Member

Member

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF FINANCE MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
MILAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION
JANUARY 10, 2022**

The Board of School Trustees met for the Board of Finance Meeting at 7:09 p.m. on Monday, January 10, 2022. Attending were Board Members Greg Lewis, Edward Amberger, Timothy Tuttle and Gerald Gauck. Douglas Norman was absent. Also attending was Superintendent Jane Rogers. President Edward Amberger presided.

Mrs. Rogers informed the Board the purpose of this meeting was now required by law to ensure that all schools are looking at their financial status yearly. After presenting graphs to board members that were provided by the state based on our finances, Mrs. Rogers noted that our fund balances have been consistent throughout the past few years. Mrs. Rogers noted that overall the reports indicate that our financial condition is sound.

With no further discussion or questions Mr. Amberger adjourned the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

President

Member

Vice-President

Member

Member

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
MILAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION
JANUARY 10, 2022

The Board of School Trustees met in regular session at 7:17 p.m. on Monday, January 10, 2022. Attending were Board Members Gerald Gauck, Timothy Tuttle, Edward Amberger and Greg Lewis. Douglas Norman was absent. Also attending was Superintendent Jane Rogers. President Edward Amberger presided. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance alongside a video of Annalise Martin, who used sign language to say the pledge as a pledge leader at the elementary school last week .

Mr. Lewis motioned to approve the minutes from the December 13, 2021 regular meeting. Seconded by Mr. Tuttle. Motion carried 4-0.

Comments from Patrons/Staff:

Mr. Gauck motioned to approve a request from Mrs. Rogers for an amendment to the agenda, under the personnel portion. Item D should be added as Leave Requests. Seconded by Mr. Tuttle. Motion carried 4-0.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Mr. Lewis motioned to approve the acceptance of a donation from the Ripley County Sheriff's Department of a 2014 Dodge Charger for use by our SRO Noel Houze. The Sheriff's office offered it to the school for \$1.00. Seconded by Mr. Gauck. Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Tuttle motioned to approve a list of technology items to be recycled. A list was provided to board members that included old, unused and outdated technology equipment. Seconded by Mr. Gauck. Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Lewis motioned to approve Mr. Brandes' request to proceed with purchasing three buses per the bus replacement plan. Two of the buses will be 78 passenger yellow

buses and one will be a white activity bus. Bids were taken through the Wilson Center Cooperative, with Kerlin having the best cost. Seconded by Mr. Tuttle. Motion carried 4-0.

Mrs. Rogers invited Mr. Rohrig and Mr. Murphy to present information about an opportunity for our students' families to open a 529 savings plan. This would be a tax advantage savings account to encourage savings for future education costs. Mr. Lewis motioned to approve participation in the program. Seconded by Mr. Tuttle. Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Gauck motioned to approve three lease requests. (1) A request from Heather Sterwerf and Indiana Special Olympics to use the track for their annual Spring games. (2) A request from the Southeast Indiana Health Center to use the high school parking lot the last Thursday of every month to hold a free mobile clinic. (3) A request from Amy Bohley with Girl Scouts of Central Indiana to use the Activity Building for Troop 03201 to host a one day archery camp. Seconded by Mr. Tuttle. Motion carried 4-0.

Superintendent's Report:

Mrs. Rogers announced to board members that The Ripley County Community Foundation received full funding from the Indiana Department of Education's 1008 Grant to support social and emotional learning, tutoring, and summer programming for students in Ripley County. There is a total of \$444,051 being brought into the county to assist in alleviating the learning loss that resulted from the COVID-19 pandemic. Milan will use our portion to support after school tutoring programs.

It was noted that Ginny Shannon, Food Service Director, reported that the state and the USDA will require all schools to charge \$4.60 for adult meals. She will make a recommendation at the February meeting to raise adult meal prices only to comply with this requirement. Student pricing for ala carte items will remain the same. All students are receiving free meals this year per the USDA.

Board members were also provided with an update on the various building projects. A guard rail was installed alongside the new parent pick up and drop off road. The safe and secure entry at the middle school has been completed. The brick is 80% completed on the maintenance shop with plans to finish next week. New chiller units were placed and the roof work continues over the intermediate/middle school. With these projects substantially complete, we have been planning for the next phase of the project. Hal Kovert will be present at the February meeting to provide additional information.

Personnel:

Mr. Lewis motioned to approve Taylor Mann's resignation as a homebound instructor. Second by Mr. Guack. Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Tuttle motioned to approve Mr. Langferman's recommendations to hire Michelle Red Elk as the high school library assistant, Lindsay DeBolt as a paraprofessional in the intensive needs classroom and Kathryn Fleming as an instructional assistant in the resource room. Also, Mr. Murphy's recommendation to hire Carlene Hixon for the student specific education aide at the intermediate school. Seconded by Mr. Lewis. Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Tuttle motioned to approve Mr. Rohrig's recommendation for Charlotte Bevis to be the elementary school yearbook sponsor. Seconded by Mr. Gauck. Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Gauck motioned to approve the following leave requests: A medical leave request for Michele Hosmer, starting January 3, 2022; she hopes to be able to return after the spring break. A medical leave request from Andrea Rohrig starting February 11th, with hopes to return after spring break. Seconded by Mr. Tuttle. Motion carried 4-0.

Claims and Financial Report:

Mr. Tuttle motioned to approve the December claims and the financial report. Seconded by Mr. Lewis. Motion carried 4-0.

President's Prerogative:

Mrs. Rogers thanked Mr. Norman for serving as the board president for the past year. She stated she looks forward to working with Mr. Amberger in his new role as President. She thanked all the board members for everything they do, and noted their dedication to the students and school.

Mr. Lewis thanked everyone for coming. He noted that it was great to hear about Mrs. Hosmer's Christmas blessing in the form of a new kidney.

Mr. Tuttle thanked everyone for coming. It has been a trying year for everyone and hopefully it will just get better. He also noted that the 529 program is a fantastic opportunity for our kids and encourages all to sign up when available.

Mr. Amberger thanked everyone for coming. He noted the 529 program is a great opportunity to help with any additional education after high school in setting up our kids for the next level of life. He stated the school is blessed with all the different grants. He noted everyone is doing a great job in adapting to ways so that we can keep our kids in school.

Mr. Gauck thanked everyone for coming. He commented that he feels the school board does a great job working together and taking care of the students' needs. It definitely takes a community to do so.

Mr. Tuttle motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Lewis. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned 7:53.

President

Member

Vice-President

Member

Member