

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

MILAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION

MARCH 16, 2020

The Board of School Trustees met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, March 16, 2020. Attending were Board Members Greg Lewis, Timothy Tuttle, Edward Amberger, and Douglas Norman. Gerald Gauck was absent. Also attending was Superintendent Jane Rogers. President Greg Lewis presided. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Norman motioned to approve the minutes from the February 10, 2020 executive session, and regular meeting. Seconded by Mr. Amberger. Motioned carried 4-0.

Comments from Patrons/Staff:

The Robotics Team was not able to attend the meeting, but Mrs. Rogers congratulated them for receiving the Design Award at the end of their season. The team name was Battlebots 2.0 and consisted of students Payton Collins, Josie Prifogle, Kaitlynn Hicks, and Carly Martin. They were coached by teachers Timmi Jones and Brandy Hicks.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Mr. Tuttle motioned to approve the bid for the Freezer/Cafeteria Project scheduled to take place this summer. Mrs. Rogers recommended the project be awarded to The Poole Group. Seconded by Mr. Norman. Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Amberger motioned to approve the bid for the School Parking Lot project also scheduled to take place this summer to Rohe. It will add parking across the front of the

high school and the circle area in front of the middle school. Seconded by Mr. Tuttle.

Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Norman motioned to approve the request to purchase one new yellow bus and one white activity bus per the bus replacement plan. Seconded by Mr. Amberger. Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Tuttle motioned to approve a request from Transportation Director Mike Brandes to put out bids to sell buses 23 and 54 at the end of the school year. This will include a notice that the buses will not be available until the end of the school year. Seconded by Mr. Norman. Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Amberger motioned to approve two lease requests from Milan Summer Baseball. The first to use the High School Baseball Field from April to June for Babe Ruth Baseball. The second was a request to use the High School Softball Field for the annual Fourth of July Baseball Tournament from July 2nd through 5th. Seconded by Mr. Tuttle. Motioned carried 4-0.

Mr. Amberger motioned to approve two conference requests. The first for Brandy Hicks and Timmi Jones to attend the CSTA Conference in Arlington, Virginia from July 12 through 17. Both teachers have also been given the opportunity to be presenters at the conference. The second request was for Noel Houze to attend the School Safety Specialist Training/Recertification in Indianapolis on May 11 and 12. Seconded by Mr. Tuttle. Motioned carried 4-0.

Mr. Norman motioned to approve the purchase of 350 Chromebooks, per our Chromebook Replacement Plan, that would include service agreements and cases through Trinity3 for replacements of two grade levels plus staff, with Google Management provided through FiveStar. Seconded by Mr. Tuttle. Motion carried 4-0.

Superintendent's Report:

Mrs. Rogers reported to the board that the corporation has recently been awarded two grants. The first from the Indiana Department of Education for a \$50,000 Digital Learning-Community Advisory Grant. The grant will be used to continue teacher training on STEM and project-based learning. A grant for \$4,600 was also received from Project Lead the Way. This will pay for Jeremiah Loehmer to attend a digital electronics class this summer.

Mrs. Rogers also informed the board that the corporation will continue to adhere to guidelines set forth by CDC, Governor Halcomb, and the Ripley County Health Department in regards to the Coronavirus Pandemic that has affected the nation. We will continue to monitor the ever-changing situation. Mrs. Rogers commended administrators and teachers for the long term work in preparing for eLearning the past five years and feels we will be able to continue safely educating our students during this current situation. The cafeteria will begin offering take-home meals beginning Thursday, March 19 and are prepared to continue offering this service in the event of an extended closure after spring break.

Personnel:

Mr. Tuttle motioned to approve the resignation of Kyle Flynn as a high school teacher. Seconded by Mr. Amberger. Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Amberger motioned to approve Mr. Langferman's recommendation to hire Pam Minnich for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year to fill Mr. Flynn's departure. Seconded by Mr. Norman. Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Norman motioned to approve the resignation of Ashley Eldridge as a special needs aide at the elementary school. Seconded by Mr. Amberger. Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Tuttle motioned to approve two recommendations from Mrs. Ahlrich. The first to hire Emily Miles as an intensive needs aide and the second to hire Ashley Braunagel as a special needs aide both at the elementary school. Seconded by Mr. Amberger. Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Norman motioned to approve Kyle Flynn's resignation as the Girls Varsity Tennis Coach. Seconded by Mr. Amberger. Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Amberger motioned to approve Mr. Prifogle's recommendation to hire Cooper Wade as the Girls Varsity Tennis Coach. Seconded by Mr. Tuttle. Motion carried 4-0.

Claims and Financial Report:

Mr. Tuttle motioned to approve the vendor checks #42746 through #42840 and deposit advice #74351 through #74683. Seconded by Mr. Norman. Motion carried 4-0.

President's Prerogative:

Mrs. Rogers thanked everyone for coming. She thanked everyone for their patience and cooperation so far and hopes that we can all continue to work together during this time of uncertainty.

Mr. Tuttle thanked everyone for coming and congratulated the Robotics Team on their award. He also noted that if we can all come together and not panic we can get through this pandemic.

Mr. Amberger thanked everyone for coming. Congratulated the school on the grants that were received and the opportunities provided through these were great for the school. He also reminded everyone to be smart and stay safe.

Mr. Norman also thanked everyone for coming. He thanked Mrs. Rogers for doing a great job with the ever changing situation and to make the best decision is not always

easy. He also mentioned that he never thought we would rely on the elearning days like we are now.

Mr. Lewis also thanked everyone for coming. He congratulated the Robotics Team and all the extra curricular activities that have recently finished up their seasons. He noted that he knows the Superintendent and Principals are doing their best and knows it has been a challenge due to the number of changes each day. He hopes everyone is able to stay safe and healthy.

Mr. Norman motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Amberger.
Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:20.

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Vice-President

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