

MILTON-UNION EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOLS
Village, Township, School Meeting
Milton-Union Schools Library

Unofficial
Special Meeting

A Special Meeting of the Milton-Union Exempted Village Board of Education was called to order by President Long, on September 24, 2015 at 6:44 p.m.

Present: Mr. Long, Mrs. Minneman, Mrs. Swigart

Absent: Mr. Huffman, Dr. McCarroll

West Milton Village Council: Matt Kline, Fred Francis, Karen Grudich, Scott Fogle, Don Dohrman, Harry Busse, Brayden Matthieu, Sarah Copp(entered at 7:23 p.m.)

Union Township: Jim Albaugh

Visitors: Lori Ginn Parsons

NEW BUSINESS

Team Management

Joint Meeting with the Village of West Milton Council, Union Township Trustees, Milton-Union Schools:

Union Township

Jim Albaugh reported on the following items:

- Fall mowing and road surface repair have been completed.
- There were 51-52 burials this year, which is the typical amount.
- He is glad to see West Milton Fire and Police Department representatives in attendance at the meeting and was going to suggest inviting them to all joint meetings.

Milton-Union Schools

Superintendent Rammel reported on the following items:

Beginning of the 2015-2016 School Year

- There are several new staff members this year, including 16 new teachers, 1 new elementary principal and 1 technology integration coach.
- Superintendent Rammel has met with each new staff member and asked for their impressions of Milton-Union staff and students. They were also asked what the district could do to improve. There were positive responses regarding student behavior. Suggestions for improvement in the district included more technology, more professional development for technology, and mentoring for new staff. Dr. Rammel will meet again with new staff before Thanksgiving.

1:1 Devices

- The program is going extremely well.
- Each student in the following grades have either Chromebooks or Microsoft Surface devices:
 - Kindergarten
 - First grade
 - 50% of 7th graders
 - All language arts students in the high school
- The main focus this year is embedding the 4 C's in the curriculum – collaboration, communication, creativity and critical thinking.

President Long reported on the following:

Permanent Improvement Levy

- The renewal of the district's 3.9 mill permanent improvement levy will be on the ballot on November 3rd.
- The levy was originally passed in 1991 and raises approximately \$380,000 per year.
- The money generated from the levy is mainly used for technology and the replacement of buses.
- This is a renewal and will not increase taxes.

Superintendent Rammel reported on the following:

Meeting with State Superintendent

- Superintendent Rammel and staff from Milton-Union, Wright State University, and PBS ThinkTV presented the district's Straight A REACH initiative to the ODE administrators yesterday.
- ODE will use the REACH program to replicate across the state.
- The presentation group was asked to present to the education legislative committee.

Partnership with Wright Patterson Air Force Base

- Through a Milton-Union staff member, Milton-Union is forming a partnership with Wright Patterson Air Force Base.
- Four MU staff members will visit the base on Monday.
- The next Straight A grant application will formalize the partnership.

Ohio School Counselor of the Year

- Congratulations to Paula Shaw! She was selected as the 2015-2016 Ohio School Counselor of the Year.

West Milton Village

City Manager Kline reported on the following items:

Fall Election

- Five seats will be open on Village Council in November 2015.

Primary Tax Issue

- The village has a 0.5% income tax that lasts for five years. The tax will continue through the end of 2016.
- The Village intends to place the levy on the ballot in March 2016.
- All of the levy proceeds are used for the fire and police departments.
- The city manager and council members are in support of Milton-Union Schools' 3.9 mill Permanent Improvement levy, which will be on the ballot in November.

Wion Property Improvements

- City Manager Kline thanked the School and the Township for their help with removal of the tree stumps.
- The Village plans to put in topsoil and plant grass.

Fall Fling

- The Fall Fling was recently held and included a cruise-in with 250 cars.
- Vendors reported successful sales.
- A more mature crowd attended this year.
- Approximately 60 people enjoyed a movie in the park.
- The Village would like to host one movie per month in the park starting in May.

Road Closure

- The culvert on State Route 48 needs to be repaired. It will be closed for 30 days.

Video Infomercial

- The Miami County Vacation and Visitor's Bureau is producing an infomercial and would like to include the Village of West Milton.
- The clip will last approximately 6-7 minutes.
- When it is complete, it will be posted on the Village website and Facebook page.

Miscellaneous

- Beginning January 2016, there will be a new trash handler for the Village. Rumpke has been selected.
- West Milton will do the billing on the utility bill.
- There will be no increase in utility costs.
- Recycling will occur every other week.
- Rumpke will send out two information letters to citizens. Notice will also appear on the utility bills.
- Jodi Minneman and Shelley Swigart were thanked for their years of service on the Board of Education.

The next joint meeting of the Village, Township and School will be held on January 22, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at the Village of West Milton office.

Adjournment

Joint meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.