

MILTON-UNION EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOLS
School Board Meeting
Milton-Union Cafe

Unofficial
Special Meeting

A Special Meeting of the Milton-Union Exempted Village Board of Education was called to order by President Dehus, on September 26, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Mr. Dehus, Mr. Huffman, Mr. Long, and Mrs. Swigart

Absent: Mrs. Minneman

Village Council: Michael Coate, Scott Fogle, Susan Willis, Ora Ashley, Fred Francis, Jason Tinnerman, Matt Kline

Union Township: Tony Hughes, Jim Albaugh, Phil Mote, and Bill O'Brien

Village of Laura: Ed Guess

Visitors: Connie McCarroll

NEW BUSINESS

Team Management

A motion was presented by Mrs. Swigart and seconded by Mr. Long to enter into Team Management Work Session

Vote: Yeas: Mr. Dehus, Mr. Huffman, Mr. Long, and Mrs. Swigart

Nays: None

President Dehus declared the motion passed by a vote of 4 for and 0 against.

Joint Meeting with the Village of West Milton Council and Union Township Trustees:

First Month of School: As of today, Milton-Union has 1535 total enrollment. This is up from last year. We've had to add a teacher at the Middle School. Ten fewer students are attending CTC this year.

Time Capsule: Milton-Union is collecting items to place in a time capsule. The capsule will be placed in front of the Lowry Learning Center, under the relocated Bulldog statue. It will be placed during October 2013.

K-12 Warranty Items: Two items remain: Landscaping and Ice Guards. Seeded areas were recently aerated, fertilized and reseeded because they did not obtain sufficient growth. Trees will be replaced later in October or November. All of the ice guard clamps will be replaced this fall. An engineer firm will monitor the installation to make sure it is done correctly.

Green Initiatives: So far the new building is costing \$0.95 per sq. ft. This is compared to most new buildings spending about \$1.35 per sq. ft. Milton-Union has been working to make the building more efficient. We have enabled the control system to turn on and off lights in smaller

areas, such as only the gym. We have also started creating a system where hall lights will only turn on when outside light levels are low. The new building is costing about what the old building cost per year, but includes air conditioning.

Demo Site: Both sites will be reseeded this fall. Some have questioned why more area was not asphalted at the Memorial Stadium site. Originally, this was planned. However, due to soft soil conditions and an extra \$100,000 in cost to correct the soft soil, it was decided the expense was too high. Letting the area settle for a few years should naturally correct the problem. Once that occurs a future board may decide to pave it or allow cars to park on the grass.

Entrance to Memorial Stadium: The board is considering how best to use the cupola at Memorial Stadium. One idea is to make a pavilion near the circular sidewalk with benches or picnic tables. A second idea is to make an entrance to the football stadium.

The board is seeking design ideas. The Dayton Chapter of the AIA has been approached and they may have students create designs for the cupola. Community members are welcome to submit design ideas too.

The Class of 1966 may provide funding for this project.

Stadium Feedback: Feedback has been positive on the new concession stand and restrooms.

Park Board: The village will be converting the north tennis courts into basketball courts. This will happen in the spring of 2014. The park board will be developing a master plan for the parking lot and the green area around the parking lot.

Bill Jay: Bill Jay will be recognized for 60 years of service to the fire department.

Safe Routes to Schools: The latest plans just arrived. It is scheduled to be bid this winter and constructed the summer of 2014.

Village Economic Updates:

Development- Unfortunately opportunities are few and far between. Most state development postings have requirements West Milton does not possess. Manager Kline has contacted a property owner east of town and the owner is considering partnering or donating the land.

Fiber Optics- It is up and running and now the marketing needs to be planned.

Water Meters Replacement: The village knows that the amount of water received from Troy is greater than what is being billed. Last summer water line leaks were addressed, but this is only part of the problem. The meters are over 20 years old and many do not work correctly any more. Old meters will be replaced with new ones which can monitor usage daily. If someone has unusually high usage, they will be contacted to see if there is a problem. There will be a fee of less than \$3 per month for the upgrade.

West Milton Street Levy- a 3 mil replacement levy is being requested. The current levy was first passed in 1984 and still raises the same \$94,000 as it did in 1984. In 1984 a ton of asphalt cost \$25. Now a ton of asphalt costs \$85. Street paint cost \$2800 in 1984 and now costs \$9500. If the levy is not replaced, filling pot holes will be about all the village will be able to perform. The cost to a \$100,000 home will be \$52 per year.

The Milton-Union School Board will pass a resolution in support of the replacement levy.

Cupola: Union Township has figured out a way to store the cupola if the BOE would be interested.

Next Joint Meeting: January 23, 2014 hosted by West Milton Council

(The Board of Education then met separately.)

Five Year Forecast: Treasurer Klein reviewed the forecast and changes from the spring.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was presented by Mr. Huffman and seconded by Mrs. Swigart to adjourn.

President Dehus declared the meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.