

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

MILAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION

MAY 18, 2020

The Board of School Trustees met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 18, 2020 in the cafeteria at Milan Elementary School. Attending were Board Members Greg Lewis, Timothy Tuttle, Edward Amberger, Douglas Norman and Gerald Gauck. Also attending was Superintendent Jane Rogers. President Greg Lewis presided. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Tuttle motioned to approve the minutes from the April 20, 2020 regular meeting. Seconded by Mr. Amberger. Motioned carried 5-0.

Comments from Patrons/Staff:

Old Business: None

New Business:

Mr. Gauck motioned to approve a recommendation from Mike Brandes to sell buses 23 and 54 to the highest bidder, Stanley Snider for \$7,025.25 each. Sealed bids were opened on May 7, 2020. Mrs. Rogers recommended approval. Seconded by Mr. Norman. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Norman motioned to approve Mrs. Rogers' recommendation to approve the renewal of Barnes and Thornburg, LLP as bond counsel, in connection with any proposed renovations, expansions, and equipping projects at our school facilities. We have utilized their services in the past and have specifically worked with Jeff Qualkinbush, who will continue to assist us as needed. Seconded by Mr. Tuttle. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Tuttle motioned to approve the suggested updates to the RISE Teacher Evaluation Rubric, to include the integration of technology into teaching and learning. A committee of administrators and teachers representing each school drafted the document, and then it was discussed with union representation. The updates would take effect beginning with the 2020-2021 school year. Seconded by Mr. Amberger. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Amberger motioned to approve a request to transfer \$200,000 from the Operations Fund to the Rainy Day Fund. Seconded by Mr. Gauck. Motion carried 5-0.

Superintendent's Report:

Mrs. Rogers reported to the board that the 2020 Graduation Ceremony will still be held on Saturday, May 30, 2020 as originally planned. After consultation with the state and county guidelines, meetings with the senior class officers and sponsors, it was decided to leave the ceremony on the originally planned date. The ceremony will be a blended one, with some parts recorded, and then a Caravan of the Class of 2020 through Main Street. A link to view the ceremony will be available on June 5. Mrs. Rogers also noted that Mr. Langferman hosted a very nice virtual awards ceremony for the seniors and their families and the link for this ceremony was available on the school website.

Mrs. Rogers also informed the board members that staff members have continued to work and learn as we have had virtual training sessions throughout this time and noted that STEM training for teachers would be taking place in the upcoming days.

Board Members were also informed and joined in discussion that we are continuing to monitor the evolving situations surrounding COVID-19 as we begin planning for next school year. There are many concerns for the safety of students and staff, what education and sports will look like going forward and the financial difficulties

that will result due to the shutdowns this spring. Updates will be provided as additional guidance is received and we will continue to do our best to safely and responsibly educate our students.

Personnel:

Mr. Norman motioned to approve the resignations of Taylor Reindorf, Special Education Teacher at the elementary school, and Shelby Ison as the Agriculture Teacher at the high school. Both effective at the end of the 2019-2020 school year. Seconded by Mr. Amberger. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Amberger motioned to approve the retirements of Denise Disney and Nancy Kohlmeier as Title I Aides at the elementary school and Marcia Holcomb as a Special Needs Aide at the elementary school, all effective at the end of the 2019-2020 school year. Seconded by Mr. Gauck. Mrs. Rogers noted that Mrs. Disney had 25 years of service, Mrs. Kohlmeier had 24 years of service, and Mrs. Holcomb had five years, after retiring from teaching in another district and that their dedicated service will be missed. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Tuttle motioned to approve the resignations of Cherie Ison and Beth Redwine as substitute custodians at the elementary school. Seconded by Mr. Norman. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Gauck motioned to approve Mr. Brandes' recommendation to employ Lynn Lillis and Donna Helseth as substitute custodians for the summer at the elementary school. Seconded by Mr. Amberger. Motion carried 5-0.

Claims and Financial Report:

Mr. Norman motioned to approve the vendor checks #42890 through #42939 and deposit advice # through #75009. Seconded by Mr. Norman. Motion carried 5-0.

President's Prerogative:

Mrs. Rogers thanked the board members for their questions and support during the current pandemic. She also thanked our school community for all the support and patience during this time. It is our primary goal to safely educate our students.

Mr. Gauck appreciated the meeting setup for the May meeting allowing board members to meet in person and still adhere to the guidelines of social distancing. He noted it sounds like there will be a lot to consider between now and the start of next school year and confident that we can all work together and make the best decisions.

Mr. Tuttle wished his congratulations to the Class of 2020, and thanked everyone for coming.

Mr. Amberger also congratulated the Class of 2020.

Mr. Norman also thanked everyone for coming. He congratulated the Class of 2020 as well and wished nothing but the best to the new retirees.

Mr. Lewis congratulated the Class of 2020, and thanked the retirees for their years of service. He hopes everyone is able to stay safe and healthy.

Mr. Tuttle motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Amberger. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:28.

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Vice-President

Member

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