

MILTON-UNION EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOLS

School Board Meeting

Online via Zoom

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Unofficial

The Regular Meeting of the Milton-Union Exempted Village Board of Education was called to order by President Doug Thompson on July 20, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2020-133: Virtual Board Member Participation and Amending Certain Board Policies

A motion was presented by Mrs. Brumbaugh and seconded by Mrs. Stasiak for the necessary Board of Education action to conduct virtual meetings due to the State of Emergency declared through Executive Order 2020-01-D.

Vote: Yays: Mrs. Brumbaugh, Mr. Dehus, Mrs. Ginn Parsons, Mrs. Stasiak, Mr. Thompson

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED

ROLL CALL

Present: Mrs. Brumbaugh, Mr. Dehus, Mrs. Ginn Parsons, Mrs. Stasiak, Mr. Thompson

Others Present: Dr. Brad Ritchey, Superintendent, Mrs. Kay Altenburger, Treasurer, Mr. Dan Baisden, Operations Manager

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Dr. Ritchey reported on the following items:

- He commended the Board for a tremendous job with help developing the re-opening plan.
- Option A or option B of the re-opening plan will be the same except for the provision about students wearing face masks. He encouraged the Board to think about whether or not they want a hybrid option.
- It is possible an Option C may be developed.

A discussion followed with Board members regarding the re-opening plan. An MUEA survey, questioning members about whether or not students should wear masks, was discussed.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC (via Zoom)

1. Mary August, MU teacher, explained she believes the teachers only answered survey questions one time each. There is one instance where a person had technical problems and one response could have been counted twice.
2. Pegge Lane, MU teacher, acknowledged that not everyone can be protected but it is important to layer protection. She is in favor of students wearing masks.
3. Dennis Albaugh stated that he believes the choice regarding whether or not students wear masks should be up to the parents. He respects the Board for their work.
4. Emily Bechtol thanked the Board for their hard work. Wanted to know if siblings would attend school on the same days if students follow a hybrid model. Dr. Ritchey stated the District would try to keep families together.
5. Loretta Henderson, MU Elementary Principal, explained that many people carrying COVID-19 don't know they have it. Masks would offer protection. She encouraged the Board to be mindful of state guidelines.
6. Christina Baker, MU bus driver questioned how bus drivers will make sure children are wearing masks while they are driving the bus.
7. Kellie Mahaney, MU choir teacher, cited a Colorado study that looked at aerosol spread with and without a mask. Students should not talk or sing without a mask.

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8. Christina Baker again addressed the Board and asked if the number of buses would need to be increased for social distancing. Mr. Baisden stated the details still need to be worked out.
9. JoDell Garrison stated she is the District Transportation Supervisor. She has attended many webinar meetings regarding school transportation and COVID-19. Plans will be finalized closer to the end of August. She appreciates the Board's work on the plan.
10. Erin Freisthler, MU teacher, stated she is a proponent of masks. She thinks students will wear the masks, especially if the rule is consistently enforced.
11. Jamie Lightner, MU paraprofessional, questioned what if a parent requests their student to wear a mask, but the student takes it off at school when he/she sees other students who are not wearing masks? How can the teacher enforce this?
12. Chris Denlinger appreciates the Board's work. He believes the quarantine model may be difficult for students and parents. The Board needs to "pick a lane". Either students need to wear a mask or not.
13. Amy Brady, MU teacher, verbalized concern that teachers will be at risk if students do not wear masks. How will the District find substitute teachers?
14. Zach Roberts, MU band director, attended the meeting in person. He stated the marching band will probably not be competing this season. He has studied the Colorado study and is trying to determine how to teach in class. He is in favor of students wearing masks.

Mr. Thompson stated he appreciates everyone's comments.

TREASURER'S REPORT

2020-134: Approval of Board of Education Minutes:

A motion was presented by Mrs. Stasiak and seconded by Mrs. Ginn Parsons to approve the June 22, 2020 Regular Meetings Minutes, July 9, 2020 Special Meeting Minutes, July 15, 2020 Special Meeting Minutes.

Vote: Yays: Mr. Dehus, Mrs. Ginn Parsons, Mrs. Stasiak, Mrs. Brumbaugh, Mr. Thompson
Nays: None

MOTION PASSED

2020-135: Approval of June Financial Report

A motion was presented by Mr. Dehus and seconded by Mrs. Stasiak to approve the June financial report.

Vote: Yays: Mrs. Ginn Parsons, Mrs. Stasiak, Mrs. Brumbaugh, Mr. Dehus, Mr. Thompson
Nays: None

MOTION PASSED

2020-136: Resolution

Pursuant to Section 5705.41 of the Ohio Revised Code, a motion was presented by Mr. Dehus and seconded by Mrs. Brumbaugh for approval of a then-and-now certificate in the amount of \$6,965.00 to College Board/ AP. It is hereby certified that both at the time of the making of this order and at the date of the execution of this certificate the amount required to pay this order has been appropriated for the purpose of this order and is in the treasury or in the process of collection to the credit of the fund, free from any previous encumbrance.

Vote: Yays: Mrs. Stasiak, Mrs. Brumbaugh, Mr. Dehus, Mrs. Ginn Parsons, Mr. Thompson
Nays: None

MOTION PASSED

OTHER SPECIAL REPORTS

MUEA

None

OAPSE

None

AGENDA CONFIRMATION

Additions and Deletions to Agenda

None

2020-137: Approval of the Agenda

A motion was presented by Mrs. Ginn Parsons and seconded by Mrs. Stasiak to approve agenda.

Vote: Yays: Mrs. Brumbaugh, Mr. Dehus, Mrs. Ginn Parsons, Mrs. Stasiak, Mr. Thompson
Nays: None

MOTION PASSED

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

2020-138: Petty Cash Funds

A motion was presented by Mrs. Stasiak and seconded by Mrs. Brumbaugh to temporarily increasing each building petty cash fund by \$200.00 until October 31, 2020 to be used for student and book fee collections for the 2020-2021 school year.

Vote: Yays: Mr. Dehus, Mrs. Ginn Parsons, Mrs. Stasiak, Mrs. Brumbaugh, Mr. Thompson
Nays: None

MOTION PASSED

2020-139: Stepping Stones Contract

A motion was presented by Mr. Dehus and seconded by Mrs. Brumbaugh to enter into a contract with The Stepping Stones Group for School Psychologist Services for the 2020-2021 school year.

Vote: Yays: Mrs. Ginn Parsons, Mrs. Stasiak, Mrs. Brumbaugh, Mr. Dehus, Mr. Thompson
Nays: None

MOTION PASSED

2020-140: Student Activity Budgets

A motion was presented by Mrs. Stasiak and seconded by Mrs. Ginn Parsons that the following Fund 200 Student Activity Accounts be authorized and be operational for the school year 2020-2021, and further, approve the related Purpose Statements and Annual Budgets for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

BPA

Vote: Yays: Mrs. Stasiak, Mrs. Brumbaugh, Mr. Dehus, Mrs. Ginn Parsons, Mr. Thompson
Nays: None

MOTION PASSED

2020-141: Consent Calendar

A motion was presented by Mr. Dehus and seconded by Mrs. Stasiak for all matters listed under the Consent Calendar are considered by the Board to be routine and will be enacted by the Board in one motion in the form listed below. There will be no discussion of these items prior to the time the Board votes on the motion unless members of the Board, staff, or the public request specific items to be discussed and removed from the Consent Calendar. The Superintendent and administrative staff recommend approval of all Consent Calendar agenda items.

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Certificated

1. Accept the following certificated resignation.
Dale Pittenger - Sub Teacher
Effective - June 1, 2020

Supplemental

2. Employ the following personnel on supplemental contracts for 2020-2021 School Year.

POSITION	PERSONNEL	STIPEND	STEP
<u>-Extended Days:</u>			
7 ext. days	Kendra McKee	Per Diem	N/A
1 Day in August- Transportation Safety Meeting	Transportation Staff	Per Diem	N/A
Bus Inspections	Bob Rose	Per Diem	N/A
Bus Inspections	Chasity Moran	Per Diem	N/A
Bus Inspections	Jay Schulz	Per Diem	N/A
Bus Inspections	Janet Schulz	Per Diem	N/A
<u>-Athletic:</u>			
HS Head Girls Cross Country	Katie Roose	\$2, 386.00	1

3. Employ the following certificated personnel as a stipend reimbursed by Wright State University for the Summer 2020 term for Hosting and Mentoring Student Teacher Candidates.
 - a. Jessica Kepler - \$150.00

Vote: Yays: Mrs. Brumbaugh, Mr. Dehus, Mrs. Ginn Parsons, Mrs. Stasiak, Mr. Thompson
Nays: None

MOTION PASSED

OTHER AUTHORIZATIONS, RESOLUTIONS, ETC.

2020-142: Handbooks

A motion was presented by Mr. Dehus and seconded by Mrs. Brumbaugh for adoption of the following handbooks for usage throughout the Milton- Union Exempted Village School System effective with the 2020-2021 school year.
Bus Driver Handbook

Vote: Yays: Mr. Dehus, Mrs. Ginn Parsons, Mrs. Stasiak, Mrs. Brumbaugh, Mr. Thompson
Nays: None

MOTION PASSED

2020-2021 Building Reopening Plan (Option A):

2020-143: Amendment 1:

A motion by Mr. Thompson and seconded by Mrs. Ginn Parsons to remove the following statement form the facial covering policy (Option A):

Students wearing a face covering are less likely to be quarantined by Miami County Public Health in the event positive cases are confirmed within their close proximity while learning and participating with others in school.

Mr. Thompson stated it is a statement and is not a policy.

Vote: Yays: Mrs. Ginn Parsons, Mrs. Stasiak, Mrs. Brumbaugh, Mr. Dehus, Mr. Thompson
Nays: None

MOTION PASSED

2020-144: Amendment 2:

A motion was presented by Mr. Thompson and seconded by Mrs. Ginn Parsons to change the proposed type of instruction during Level 3 (red) **from** “Hybrid Schedule” (Fifty percent of students will be served on alternating days of the week.) **to** “Traditional Schedule” (The district will continue to provide five-day, in-person instruction per typical school week.)

Vote: Yays: Mrs. Stasiak, Mrs. Brumbaugh, Mr. Dehus, Mrs. Ginn Parsons, Mr. Thompson

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED

2020-145: 2020-2021 Building Reopening Plan (Option A)

A motion was presented by Mr. Dehus and seconded by Mrs. Stasiak to adopt the 2020-21 Building Reopening Plan inclusive of the following facial covering policy (Option A) with amendments.

- K-2 Students: Face coverings are required in hallways and classrooms when adequate social distancing cannot be maintained. Teachers and staff members will direct opportunities for students to remove face coverings during breaks.
- 3-6 Students: Face coverings are required in hallways and classrooms with teacher and staff member directed breaks scheduled. Where social distancing *can* be maintained outdoors, face coverings may be removed.
- 7-12 Students: Face coverings are required in hallways, classrooms, and at all times while inside school buildings. In circumstances where social distancing *can* be maintained, face coverings may be removed under the direction of teachers and staff members. Where social distancing *can* be maintained outdoors, face coverings may be removed.
- School employees will be required to wear face coverings while in the presence of students especially when adequate social distancing cannot be maintained.
- The district is required to maintain records of documented instances when staff members and students are medically exempt and excused from wearing face coverings.

Vote: Yays: Mrs. Stasiak, Mrs. Brumbaugh, Mr. Dehus

Nays: Mrs. Ginn Parsons, Mr. Thompson

MOTION PASSED

2020-146: 2020-2021 Building Reopening Plan (Option B)

A motion was presented by Mr. Dehus and seconded by Mrs. Stasiak to postpone the 2020-21 Building Reopening Plan inclusive of the following facial covering policy (Option B) indefinitely.

- Properly worn face coverings are *highly* recommended for all students especially when physical distancing of six feet or more cannot be maintained.
- Students should always have a face covering on their person.
- Students will be required to properly wear face coverings around staff members and students who are immune compromised and when adequate social distancing cannot be maintained.
- Face coverings may become required for students at any time during the school year through the Governor’s Office, CDC, Ohio Department of Health, and/or Miami County Public Health relative to an increase in confirmed, positive cases.
- Students wearing a face covering are less likely to be quarantined by Miami County Public Health in the event positive cases are confirmed within their close proximity while learning and participating with others in school.
- School employees will be required to wear face coverings while in the presence of students and when adequate social distancing cannot be maintained.
- The district is required to maintain records of documented instances when staff members and students are medically exempt and excused from wearing face coverings.

Vote: Yays: Mrs. Stasiak, Mrs. Brumbaugh, Mr. Dehus, Mrs. Ginn Parsons, Mr. Thompson

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED

Mr. Thompson declared the resolution “2020-2021 Building Reopening Plan (Option B)” is postponed indefinitely.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Legislative & Student Achievement

Mrs. Stasiak reported that virtual training is available for Board members.

Policy Update

Dr. Ritchey stated there are two policies on the agenda for a first reading. One of the policies is pertaining to Title IX changes. He will work with the District's attorney on requirements. He continues to work with MUEA regarding OTES.

Building & Transportation

Mrs. Brumbaugh stated the new bus was delivered a few weeks ago. She has talked to JoDell about strategies to decrease the number of students transported on buses per trip.

Mr. Baisden stated he is meeting with West Milton personnel tomorrow to discuss flushing out the water in the building and chlorine levels.

MVCTC

None

Milton-Union Education Foundation

None

Audit/Finance Committee

None

Facility Complex Committee

Mrs. Brumbaugh reported that MURA is making sure that football, soccer and cheer programs are following COVID-19 protocols. Mrs. Brumbaugh and Mr. Baisden are meeting with Steve Daum tomorrow to discuss improvement ideas along Davis Rd.

Mr. Thompson questioned when clean-up of the courtyard will take place. Mr. Baisden stated he plans to have a service do the clean-up work prior to the start of school.

INFORMATION & DISCUSSION ITEMS

First reading of the following policies. Copies are on file and may be reviewed at the Central Office during business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Policy

2266

NONDISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF SEX IN
DISTRICT PROGRAMS OR ACTIVITIES

Program

3220

STANDARDS-BASED TEACHER EVALUATION

Professional

BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS (Meetings)

Regular Board Meeting

Monday August 17, 2020

6:30 p.m.

Media Center

2020-147: ADJOURNMENT

A motion was presented by Mr. Dehus and seconded by Mrs. Stasiak to adjourn meeting. President Doug Thompson declared the meeting adjourned at 9:18 p.m.