



Milford Board of Education

Meeting Summary

The Milford Board of Education held its regular Board meeting on Thursday, September 16, 2010, at 7 p.m. at Smith Elementary.

The following business was conducted:

Special Presentations

Brad Lovell, Principal at Smith Elementary, welcomed the Board and guests and congratulated the staff, students, and Dr. Chin for Smith's outstanding results on the local report card. He also thanked the PTO for donating money to fund Atomic clocks for the classrooms and new two-way radios. He thanked Tanner Hutchinson for his Eagle Scout project creating a nature trail and Michel Brooksbank for re-doing the landscaping in the front of the building. Mr. Lovell also expressed his appreciation for the new floor in Smith's gymnasium.

Dr. Farrell presented a certificate of appreciation to Jennie Kasselmann, a parent volunteer who transported children who did not have rides to and from Eagle Explorers' Camp everyday.

Dr. Farrell also recognized Karen Tracey and Stacy McWhorter, from Milford Christian Church, who provided 130 bags of school supplies to elementary teachers. Volunteers at her church assembled bags based on the supply list so teachers would have additional school supplies for children who are unable to afford them.

Athletic Update

Mr. Lucas reported that the athletic teams are midway through the fall season. He highlighted each of the fall teams and gave special note and congratulations to football player Nathan Termuhlen for receiving the Ohio National Guard Cincinnati High School player of the week.

BAC Update

Mr. Knepp reported that the BAC met and members divided up their areas of responsibility.

Student Representative

Jake Harrington, a senior at Milford High School, is a Student Council Representative to the Board. He gave a report and thanked the Board for the renovations at the high school saying that "lunch is a whole new experience!" He also commented that the new music facilities are incredible and that his teachers are enjoying using the new gizmos and gadgets in their classrooms. He also reported on homecoming and said this year's community service project during homecoming week will be selling stars for a dollar with proceeds going to the Make a Wish foundation. Homecoming week is October 4-8 with a pep rally on Monday morning to start the week.

Public Participation

Todd Monro passed out invitations to the Board for the Milford Schools Foundation fundraising event on November 13. The Foundation will be recognizing six graduates and have a variety of door prizes including two tickets on a private jet to New York. For more information, go to www.MilfordSchoolsFoundation.org.

State Board of Education member Jeff Hardin presented the Board of Education with the Excellent with Distinction banner from ODE.

The Board held the public hearing on conversion of one half (0.5) mill of inside millage from current expenses use to permanent improvement use. A resident expressed his concern that this conversion would raise his property taxes. Mr. Seymour, Dr. Farrell, and the Board assured him the conversion will not increase property taxes. The conversion just moves .5 mills to the permanent improvement fund from the general fund specifically for maintenance and upkeep of school buildings which is required by the Ohio School Facilities Commission when the district becomes eligible for funding.

Treasurer's Report

The Board voted to table the five year forecast to the October work session.

Mr. Seymour gave a presentation on Fiscal Year 2011 Appropriations (the budget). He reviewed in detail forecasted revenues and expenditures for FY2011 (June 30, 2010-July 1, 2011).

The Board approved financial reports for the month ended 8/31/2010 and passed the resolution to proceed with the conversion of one half (0.5) mill of inside millage from current expense use to permanent improvement use.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Chin and Mrs. House presented an accountability report of the Ohio Local Report Card results.

Dr. Farrell presented the district's goals for the 2010-11 school year.

Summary of Goals:

1. Improve Reading performance on state and national assessments.
2. Improve Math performance on state and national assessments.
3. Provide a high quality professional development system with the ultimate goal of enhancing teaching to best engage students in the learning process.
4. Expand two-way proactive level communication with all stakeholders.

The Board accepted donations of a softball and a baseball pitching machine, donated by Mr. Glen Galembo valued at \$12,000.00 for athletics, and a mobile 12 ft. filming tower, by Zach Strief "Dream Big Foundation" valued at \$5,400.00.

They also approved a waiver affidavit of the Body Mass Index Screening Program, the Healthy Choices for Healthy Children Act.

Business Operations

Approved:

- Lease agreement between the Milford Exempted Village School District and Clermont County Educational Service Center (CCESC) to lease part of Milford Main, 527 Lila Ave., Milford, Ohio
- Two year agreement between Milford High School and Miami Athletic Club (MAC) for the purpose of maintaining a comprehensive strength & conditioning program and the School desires to obtain the assistance of MAC to complement its interscholastic athletic program. This program is free to the district.

Jeff Johnson gave an update on the high school. He commended the custodial staff for coming together to get the high school ready in time and the IT staff who worked diligently with the technology contractor to get the new technology ready in the classrooms and throughout the building. Due to the favorable bidding market and tight budget management, the district was able to add projects including a new roof, windows, and the addition to the junior high which is currently underway.

Curriculum & Instruction

Approved:

- Payment to six teachers who attended August Math Investigations In-service.
- Second reading of Junior High/High School Health Course of Study (Revision).
- Out-of-State Trips (no cost to the district)
Milford High School Band, BOA Regional St. Louis, Missouri, October 15 – 17, 2010. No cost to district. Disney Trip and Magic Music Days Performance, November 19 -24, 2010.

Milford High School Wrestling Team, Wrestling Tournament, Kenston High School (south of Cleveland), December 27 & 28, 2010.

Human Resources

- Approved certified resignations, and employment of Reading tutors (federal grant funds), substitute teachers, district/building supplemental contracts, and athletic supplemental contracts for the 2010-2011 school year.
- Approved volunteer: Sarah Kleinfelter, Strength/Conditioning (MAC) Miami Athletic Club.
- Approved classified recommendations for the 2010-11 school year.

Upcoming Events

Next Regular Board of Education Meeting, October 21, 2010 at 7 p.m. at McCormick Elementary, 751 Loveland-Miamiville Rd., Loveland, Ohio 45140

Milford High School Open House, October 9th from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.