



Milford Board of Education Meeting Summary

The Milford Board of Education met on October 20, 2011 at McCormick Elementary.

Special Presentations

Don Baker, Principal at McCormick Elementary, welcomed the Board and guests. He spoke about McCormick's Olweus program and how it is being delivered differently this year. Instead of students having library twice a week, they spend one period a week in the media center learning more about combating bullying through this program. Mr. Baker leads these sessions with all students in grades one through six. Two McCormick sixth graders spoke to the Board about what they cover in these sessions.

Deborah Talbert, president of the Milford Education Association, made a presentation to Milford Miami Ministries on behalf of all the teachers in the district. Thanks to generosity of Milford teachers, a \$100 check and enough canned goods to fill half the lobby of McCormick Elementary were donated to help the less fortunate in this area.

Athletic Update

Dr. Farrell gave a recap on fall sports and spoke about Homecoming activities this weekend.

Treasurer's Report

- Approved Financial Reports – for the month ended 09/30/2011
- Approved the following donations:
McCormick Elementary PTO – Five SmartBoards valued at \$16,250.00 and support for programming, events, and materials in the amount of \$63,950.00

Cash donation of \$500.00 for MHS Special Education Program from Joseph and Lisa Kuethe

Randy Seymour, who was serving as the Recorder for the meeting, spoke about the district's five-year forecast. Mr. Seymour spoke about the decreases in state and federal revenue which are eradicating the revenue generated from the last operating levy. He said that the significant budget reductions have enabled the district to stay on track and meet its promise to make the last operating levy last until 2014. He said by 2014 the district will be in deficit spending and will need new operating dollars. Mr. Seymour placed a 4.9 mill levy in the forecast in 2013 (collected in 2014) to show the financial impact of new operating funds. Although, it is a working document subject to change, the five-year forecast needs to be approved and sent to the Ohio Department of Education every May and October. The Board will be using the forecast in their discussion regarding the amount and timing of a levy request in the upcoming months. The Board approved the forecast.

HB136

The Board discussed HB 136—proposed legislation that would earmark state and local tax dollars to subsidize private school tuition, even allowing parents of private school students to bank excess dollars for college tuition and textbooks. A major concern is that the legislation would divert substantial funding away from the district. The Board unanimously passed a resolution opposing HB 136.

Superintendent's Report

The Board held its first reading of the following policy: Data and Records Retention File:

Summer IT Projects

Mr. Jeff Johnson reported on the savings and success of employing four high school students this past summer to supplement the IT staff. Students installed access points and cable and moved, cleaned, and upgraded computers throughout the district. He said not only did the student learn, but they saved the district \$11,000 in funds they would have needed to spend with contractors.

Race to the Top

Dr. Farrell reported on the activities the district has been involved with surrounding the Race to the Top dollars. He

said district representatives have attended free workshops such as one on administrative evaluation. The Milford District Transformation Team comprised of 50% professional staff and 50% administration continues to work on action strategies and goals in the following three areas as required by the RttT grant. They are: Standards and Assessment, Using data to improve instruction and Developing great teachers and leaders.

Graduation Rate

Through a federal mandate, Ohio will be reporting a district's graduation rate differently on upcoming report cards. These new calculations will make it appear as if the percentage of students graduating has decreased significantly because those students with an IEP who have met graduation requirements but take advantage of the law that allows them to continue their education until they are 22 will not be counted as graduates for the state report card.

Items for Curriculum and Instruction

The Board approved the following:

- Supplemental time for teachers for writing quarter exams, serving on the Race to the Top Professional Development Sub-Committee, and serving on elementary social studies curriculum review committee
- Allowing the Marching band to compete in Indianapolis, November 10-13, at no cost to the district. The band is performing on November 10 and will return to Milford following the performance. Students will attend school on Friday, November 11, and the band will return to Indianapolis Friday evening.
- The Drama Club to travel to New York City, New York, February 17, 2012 thru February 20, 2012, at no cost to the district.
- The second reading of the following:

JH Elective Course – Stats and Measurement in Sports

JH Elective Course – Writing to Explore

JH Elective Course – Discover the Wonders of the World

Human Resources Section

Approved the following:

- Certified retirements for the 2011-2012 school year:
 - Kathryn McClelland, Meadowview 5th grade teacher, retirement effective 6/1/2012
 - Trish Reis - Meadowview 2nd grade teacher, retirement effective 6/1/2012
 - Gary Tameris – MJHS Physical Education teacher, retirement effective 11/7/2011
- Certified resignations and contract recommendations for the 2011-2012 school year.
- Athletic supplemental contract employment recommendations and volunteers for the 2011-2012 school year.
- Home instruction tutors for the 2011-2012 school year on as needed basis.
- Substitute teachers for the 2011-2012 school year.
- Classified employee retirements for the 2011-2012 school year:
 - Ronnie Holland – MHS Custodian, effective 12/31/2011
 - June Ann Nicolaus – Board Office Secretary/Central Registration, effective 1/1/2012
- Classified employee resignations for the 2011-2012 school year.
- Classified employee contract recommendations and substitutes for 2011-2012 school year.

The Board met in Executive Session to conference with an attorney concerning disputes involving pending or imminent court action. No action was taken.

Next regular Board of Education Meeting will be held on November 17, 2011, Meadowview Elementary, 5556 Mt. Zion Road, Milford, Ohio 45150, at 7:00 p.m.