

## Milford Board of Education

December 17, 2009

The December Board of Education meeting took place at Milford Junior High.

Principal Kelli Ellison welcomed the board and the audience. She introduced the 7th grade band who performed in a small ensemble.

The 8th Grade band will play at the OMEA convention on January 28-30. The band will perform on Saturday, January 30 at 8:30am. The convention takes place at the Duke Energy Convention Center in downtown Cincinnati.

Officers from the Milford Junior High Student Council presented information about the school's Holiday Food Drive to benefit the Inter Parish Ministry. Students collected canned goods and toiletry items. They collected more than 2,000 pounds of items.



Board President Debbie Marques and Board Member Dave Yockey presented a plaque for the Board Member Service Award to Don Hartley for his service on the board for the past five years.

### Athletic Update:

The winter season is underway.

Boys' bowling is off to a 4-6 start

Girls' bowling is 5-5

Wrestling—January 29-30—Milford Invitational

Academic Team 3-0-1 and in 2nd place in FAVC so far

Swim teams are underway—Both boys and girls teams have returning swimmers who did very well in post season tournaments last year

Lady Eagles basketball is 3-3 with winning their last 3 games—First home game is January 5

Boys basketball has a 2-2 start—they play Dec 20 at Glen Este... The first home game is January 9th.

### BAC

The BAC is reviewing what skills are needed for students graduating these days. The BAC is looking at how to interact with businesses to provide the necessary skills for Milford students. The district wants to encourage more business partnerships to help students get the skills they need to be ready for jobs and careers in the future.

The district received a grant from KnowledgeWorks Foundation to provide for a series of meetings to discuss education for the 21st Century. The meeting will take place in January,

February and April. The meetings will involve community members, business people, staff and parents.

Student Representatives:

In January, Student Council will start up a dodge ball tournament—January 13-14

Footloose will be the spring musical for drama.

March 6 is the spring dance

DECA collected \$2500 to help the Mary Miller Fund. DECA also collected more than 700 gifts to help families in need in Clermont County.

Treasurer's Report:

Approval of financial reports

\$193,000 interest for the year

The district received news that the governor and the legislature came to agreement on a budget.

There was a risk that the state might cut taxes which would result in a huge budget cut to education. Now, that threat to the budget is over.

Superintendent's section:

Approval and thanks to International Paper for printing 1,000 copies of the employee handbook for the district.

Approved a resolution amending the Transportation Agreement with Petermann. It relates to sick leave and retirement. This is the official approval after a verbal agreement

Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding between MEA and the board—it relates to the Yearbook Advisor and establishment of a new Key Club Advisor.

Human Resources:

Approval of resignations and retirements—Janie Thompson is retiring in January after a long and successful career with Milford Schools. She started the Extended Day program 20 years ago and now the program is a self-supporting program that is very successful thanks to Janie's work and leadership. The board approved contract recommendations, substitutes, home instruction tutors, long term substitute, building supplemental recommendations, athletic supplemental recommendations and student workers.

The board approved a supplemental contract for Shane Elkin to be the Varsity Football Coach for the 2010-2011 school year.

Curriculum & Instruction:

Approval of a school trip for the Milford Cheerleaders to attend a competition in Indianapolis in January. There is no cost to the district for this trip

Approval of Milford High School Course Selection Guide for 10-11 school year

The district is planning to offer Chinese as a foreign language. The district is reviewing grant opportunities, online options and other possibilities to offer this as a course for students.

Public Participation:

After the public participation, the Board made a motion and approved setting the salary for Superintendent Dr. Farrell of \$110,000. This was an increase from \$105,000.

Next Board meeting:

Organizational Meeting on January 7, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. at the Milford Board of Education office located at 777 Garfield Avenue in Milford.

At the Organizational Meeting, the board will establish a meeting schedule for the 2010 year.