

Milford Board of Education

February 18, 2010

The February Board of Education meeting took place at Pattison Elementary.

Principal Gregg Curless welcomed the board and the audience in attendance. Mr. Curless told the board that enrollment is up to about 710 students at Pattison. He said that number also keeps growing. He said he is giving tours to families who are considering coming to Pattison for the next school year. Some live in the district and currently attend private schools. He discussed the involvement and support of the PTO. The last two years, the PTO funds helped to purchase playground equipment and Smart Boards for teachers. He expressed his appreciation to the PTO for its generosity and support. He said teachers are working to follow the curriculum and cover all of the material that will be included in the achievement tests coming in March. He also discussed the Character Education program and the OLWEUS, anti-bullying program.

Technology Director Lynn Ochs made a special presentation about progress made in the Long Range Plan as it relates to technology. Strategic Choice is: We will develop and execute plans that consistently move us toward anywhere anytime learning for all staff and students.

Technology is a significant aspect of 21st Century learning. It is technology that supports anywhere and anytime learning. The presentation made by Lynn Ochs and Marc Hopkins (Director of Network Systems) is available on the Edline pages under Technology. Click on the following link:

https://www.edline.net/pages/Milford_School_District/Milford_Schools_Technology_Dep/21st_Century_Learning_Environm

The improvements in technology also result in cost savings in hardware and power consumption.

Athletic Update:

Girls Swim and Dive team won the FAVC division championship. Coach Gary Tameris was named FAVC Coach of the Year. Ten athletes qualified for District tournament. Boys swimming earned 2nd place in the FAVC. Boys qualified 9 athletes for District competition. Girls basketball won their first sectional game.

Boys bball has 2 FAVC games remaining on their schedule. They will play Mt. Healthy in the first round of the state tournament. Tickets for both boys and girls tournament play are available at the Milford Athletic office. Mens and girls bowling begins sectional play this weekend.

Wrestling—team finished fourth in the FAVC for the season. They begin state competition this Saturday.

Academic Team is having great success. They have a 8-5-1 record.

Student Representatives:

March 4—there will be a blood drive sponsored by Student Council. Footloose will be the spring play for drama. Tickets are \$5. The shows are this weekend and next weekend at 7:30pm only.

March 6 is the spring dance “Blockbuster Spring Ball”

Vocational Report:

Board member Dave Yockey shared information about the Gateway to Success program that is offered through the Great Oaks program. Dave Yockey and Dr. Farrell presented a Milford

student with a diploma after he graduated from the program. It allows students who, for a variety of reasons, did not complete their high school credits to graduate. The program is offered through different college campuses and it allows students to get the credits they need to earn their high school diploma.

Mr. Yockey also shared information about the Ohio School Boards Association spring conference. In that conference for the Southwest Region, OSBA will recognize a handful of teachers from the region who were nominated for Ohio Teacher of the Year. Two Milford teachers were nominated for Ohio Teacher of the Year. They are Deb Johnson (Pattison) and Steve Heck (Milford Junior High). They will be honored at the conference on March 16.

The board made a change in its regular agenda to allow for public participation at the beginning of the meeting rather than at the end. A community member asked about 21st Century skills and asked the district to consider carefully what it means for students and the cost of operations for the district. Dr. Farrell responded by mentioning the community meetings going on now to discuss 21st Century teaching and learning. He said the district is working with other districts and with community members and staff to make sure that 21st Century learning is approached carefully and that the academic core remains the focus.

Treasurer's Report:

Approval of financial reports

Approval of bank depositories for the next five years. The board approved 5/3rd Bank, PNC Bank and US Bank as the banks to do business with over the next five years.

Board approved amounts and rates set by the Budget Commission Treasurer shared information that the Auditor of State released the audit report for Milford Schools for fiscal year 2009. A complete copy of the report is available through the district website.

Superintendent's section:

Approval of architect contract with Cole Russell to design four classrooms at Milford Junior High. The plan is to begin construction this spring and summer and complete the classes in 2011.

Approval of plan to bid out the furniture package for the additions at Milford High School.

Approval of review comments from OSFC for high school additions and renovations. Approval of two administrative contracts to replace Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction and Gifted Coordinator positions.

Dr. Jill Chin, current principal at Smith Elementary will be the Director of Elementary Curriculum and Nancy House, interim principal at Milford High School will be the Director of Secondary Curriculum. The district will now begin the process of replacing those principal positions. The district will create committees of parents and teachers to find replacements. The HS committee also will include student representatives.

Board approved donation of a subscription to HotMath.com. Board had a first reading of policies for Business Advisory Council and Credit Flexibility.

Human Resources:

Approval of retirement—HS teacher Warren Apgar is retiring after 37 years in the district.

Approval of Summer School Principal--Andrew Serger The board approved contract recommendations, substitutes, home instruction tutors, building supplemental contract, athletic

supplemental recommendations, a volunteer.

Curriculum & Instruction:

Approval of out of state trip for High School Cheer Competition Team in Louisville in March.

The board also approved a trip for color guard to Indianapolis.

March Testing—Gifted testing March 17-23 for grades 2 & 4 Ohio Graduation Test (Grades 10-12) March 15-28

Next Board meeting:

Regular Meeting—March 18, 2010 at 7:00 pm at Seipelt Elementary—5684 Cromley Drive, Milford Ohio 45150