



Milford Board of Education

Meeting Summary

The Milford Board of Education held its regular business meeting on Thursday, April 28, 2011 at Mulberry Elementary.

Special Presentations

Welcome from Gary Schulte, Principal at Mulberry Elementary. Students on Mulberry's Green Team gave a presentation about their efforts to make staff and students aware of steps they can take every day to save energy. Mulberry students also told the Board about the success of their Fine Arts night that was held in March.

Cyndee Seals, President of Boyd E. Smith PTO, was recognized by Dr. Farrell for her efforts in the donation of more than 150 computers valued at \$37,000. The PTO also arranged for volunteers to help set up the new computer monitors and found a company to recycle the old monitors at no charge.

MHS Athletic Boosters President Dave Meranda presented the Board with a check for \$85,100 as part of the Boosters agreement to help fund the athletic facility upgrades in the district. The Boosters funded the new tennis courts as well as upgrades to the soccer stadium and partially funded the baseball and softball complex. This annual payment is the third of five from the Boosters. Overall, they have donated \$1.1 million to the district over the last 12 years.

Stacy Mathis from the Partners for a Milford-Miami Township Drug Free Coalition spoke about the unwanted prescription medication drop off planned by the coalition on April 30th.

Bill Knepp and RJ Vilardo recognized Randy Seymour for his work as District Treasurer and gave him a bell and distinction as an Honorary Town Crier for his hard work and efforts to be honest and fiscally responsible during his tenure.

Nancy House, Jill Chin, and the Gender Committee members spoke about the work they have been doing on behalf of this topic. The committee analyzed academic and discipline data by gender for six years and have used this data to come up with a professional development plan for administrators and teachers as well as a parent and community education plan. This will include engaging the community in discussing single gender classes especially in the area of physical education.

Athletic Update

Mrs. Marques reported on the status of the spring sports teams and commented that the rain has made it a frustrating season. She wished the spring teams well as the tournaments season begins.

BAC Update

Mr. Knepp reported that Mr. Lykins will present next month on the BAC activities.

Student Representative

Jake Harrington reported that the student council held its elections for next year and 15 student council members were able to attend a state conference. He also reported that a mock car crash will be sponsored by the SADD chapter before prom. This is his last report as a student representative and he thanked the Board members for their attention and time.

Public Participation:

The General Manager of BW3 in Milford spoke to the Board about fundraising opportunities. Milford Education Association President Deborah Talbert spoke about the teacher's concerns over some of the new guidelines in the proposed Wellness policy. The Board agreed to further review the policy with teachers, administrators and parents before finalizing.

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Seymour reported that the district is still on target on meeting savings. The five-year forecast will be brought to the Board in May for approval. He spoke about the Governor's budget and the lack of details that have been released about the new funding model. Mr. Seymour commented that the Board's proactive measures in cutting the budget has prepared the district for the impending state cuts.

The Board approved financial reports for the month ended 03/31/2011.

Superintendent's Report

The Board approved the following Superintendent's recommendations:

- Resignation of Brian Zawodny as Assistant Principal for Milford Junior High School effective, August 1, 2011.
- Administrative contract for 223 days for the 2011-2012 school year: Sarah Becker, Milford Junior High School Assistant Principal, 2-year contract.
- Supplemental Contract for Interim Treasurer, effective 5/1/2011, for Deborah Burton.
- Memorandum of Understanding between MEA and Milford Board of Education including stipend for teacher coordinator at Success Academy and change in personal leave designation on paycheck.
- Donations from MELINK Company with a donation of Exhaust fans and electric motor valued at \$1500.00, Boyd E. Smith PTO donation of 150 computers valued at \$37,000. and Pattison PTO donation of Smart Boards valued at \$17,681.70

The Board held the first reading of the Wellness Policy reason and discussed the rationale for the proposed rules for food and drinks brought into classroom parties and moving away from treats being used as rewards. Dr. Farrell also spoke of serious allergic reactions to food that occur each year and the policy's goal to address these issues.. The Board will continue to discuss the policy and procedures within before making a final recommendation at either the May or June Board meeting.

Dr. Farrell spoke about Interdistrict Open Enrollment. Last year, 47 students attended through open enrollment, and so far this year more than 80 have applied. For next school year, students who were open enrolled this year will have priority over new open enrollment students. The application deadline is May 13, 2011. Dr. Farrell said the majority of open enrollment students are doing very well and the revenue generated from open enrollment students was \$264,000.

Business Operations

The Board approved the 2011-12 Type A Lunch Prices with an increase of 10 cents over current prices.

Jeff Johnson spoke to the Board about savings in transportation through the combination of bus routes. The district will reduce four routes overall resulting in \$350,000 in savings.

Curriculum and Instruction

The Board approved an out-of-state trip for two DECA students to the DECA International Career Development Conference in Orlando, Florida, April 29 – May 4, 2011 at no expense to the district.

Human Resources

The Board approved retirements/resignations for certified or classified and supplemental contracts as well as certified recommendations, district/building and athletic supplemental contracts for the 2011-2012 school year. The Board also approved recommendations for a substitute aide, food service, and summer school teacher.

Executive Session

The Board moved to go into Executive Session to discuss the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of public employees or regulated individuals, or the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee or regulated individuals unless such person requests public hearing . No action was taken.

Next Regular Board of Education Meeting May 19, 2011 at 7:00 P.M. at Milford Junior High School, 5735 Wolfpen-Pleasant Hill Road..