



# Milford Board of Education

## Meeting Summary

The Milford Board of Education held its regular meeting on Thursday, June 16, 2011 at Milford High School Auditorium.

### **Special Presentations:**

Welcome from Mark Lutz, Principal at Milford High School. Mr. Lutz reported that the high school's Ohio Graduation Test data looks good. The class of 2011 had a total of 427 graduates.

Jim Parker, Chairman of the Milford Schools Foundation, awarded more than \$4,000 in grants to various projects within the district. Boyd E. Smith Elementary School received \$500 for its balanced literacy program, Meadowview Elementary School received \$1,000 for its sensory motor resource lending library, the district's central office received \$2,000 for its Autism unit, and Milford High School received \$100 for its math department and \$750 for the community-based education program. Milford High School also received \$2,500 from Duke Energy for math department virtualization software. This donation marks the Foundation's second round of grants.

The Board recognized Milford Junior High School student, Jamie Kuhn, who placed third nationally in reading on the ACT test for Midwest Talent Search.

Gerry Levy, Manager Nutrition Services, presented her department's 2010-2011 Annual Report. Highlights:

- Opened the renovated high school kitchen with new menu options and new signage.
- Implemented (optional) cashless registers at junior high to decrease wait time in line.
- Negotiated with outside districts to obtain an increase of \$40,000 in entitlement.
- Used surplus commodity dollars for \$35,000 in locally grown fresh fruit and vegetables.
- Introduced breakfast programs at Boyd E. Smith and the Jr. High without increasing labor.
- Implemented a new point of sale system and transitioned over to EZ Pay for parents to pay online for meals.
- Moved Nutrition Services to the Board of Education location.
- Received a \$1,500 grant from Hamilton County General Health District for early implementation of SB210 regulations.
- Introduced the self-serve concept and promoted vegetable consumption to first graders
- Expanded green initiatives including usage of biodegradable trays to all schools in the district and partnering with parents and teachers to establish a garden and use its produce for the lunch program.

Mark Trout, Athletic Director, recognized an outstanding track athlete. Savanna Termuhlen qualified for the state track meet in the 100 M dash and finished 15<sup>th</sup> in the state of Ohio. During the season, Savanna broke two school records—one in the 100 M and one in the 200 M.

### **Public Participation**

There was no public participation.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Approved the financial reports for the month ended May 31, 2011.

Adopted temporary appropriations for FY2012 and commented that the Board and administration will continue to look for ways to cut the budget to reduce the amount of the levy request in 2012.

### **Superintendent's Report**

Approved the Cincinnati Sports Medicine and Orthopedic Center (CSMOC) Athletic Trainer Support Agreement.

Approved first reading of the Non-Athletic Extracurricular Substance Abuse Policy.

After discussion and input from staff and community members, the Board approved two new policies. The Board approved the second reading of the Wellness Policy. The policy is in compliance with Senate Bill 210. The general Wellness Policy also includes guidelines for staff and teachers to reduce the use of food in the classrooms for both parties and for rewards for good behavior. Before bringing food into the classroom, staff and parents will need to check with the school nurse for a list of approved foods. The Board also approved the Class Rankings/Weighted Grades policy. The policy allows for additional weighting of grades for honors courses in addition to advanced placement courses. The policy is not retroactive and will be applied to students' grades beginning in the 2011-2012 school year. If a student would like an additional transcript of their grades from prior years weighted under the new guidelines, a written request must be submitted to the guidance counselor.

Approved change for Milford High School 2011-2012 handbook with addendum to make marching band an extra-curricular activity rather than as a co-curricular activity. Students involved with band will now follow the same policies as students involved in other extra-curriculars. The new wellness policy guidelines were also added to the high school handbook.

Approved the 2011-2012 MJHS Handbook and Elementary Handbook.

#### **Informational Items:**

Wellness Regulations

Wellness /Allergy Protocol Exhibits

#### **Business Operations**

Dan Wills will receive a stipend for additional job responsibilities as Maintenance Supervisor.

#### **Items for Curriculum & Instruction**

Approved Science Committee members and allotted a stipend for their service.

Approved the second reading for the Math Curriculum and materials for Grades 6-8 and Milford High School.

#### **Human Resources**

Approved retirements/resignations of classified and certified staff. The Board specifically thanked Lynn Ochs for her tireless work on behalf of the district in the area of technology. Lynn is resigning to move into private industry.

Approved certified employee contract recommendations, district/building, and athletic supplemental contract employment recommendations for the 2011-2012 school year.

Approved pay for mentors for entry-year teachers.

#### **Classified Items for Human Resources**

Approved classified employee contract recommendations for 2011-2012 school year.

Approved recommendations for Extended Day staff 2011-2012 school year.

#### **Executive Session**

The Board went into executive session for 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 a public hearing. No action was taken.

#### **Board of Education**

The Next Regular Board of Education Meeting will be on July 21, 2011 at 7:00 P.M. at Milford High School.