The Milford Board of Education met on May 15, 2014 at Milford Junior High School.

Welcome from Kelli Ellison, Principal of Milford Junior High School, who spoke about the success of the second annual “Pay it Forward” day. She shared an Animoto, which captured the hard work and variety of service 7th graders participated in that day.

Special Presentations
Mark Trout, Director of Athletics/Activities, honored Dave Meranda and Nancye Bruck for their combined 30 years of service to the Milford School District. In 2014-15, Dave will have served the Athletic Boosters for 16 years and Nancye a total of 14 years. Both also received an OHSAA State Exemplary Service Award.

Mr. Trout also recognized Bill Marran for his years of service and his 50th consecutive season of coaching track at Milford High School as well as football and basketball for many years. Mr. Marran has coached approximately 1,500 track athletes including 16 state qualifiers. He was also a Milford teacher for 31 years.

Mr. Trout recommended that the MEVSD track be officially named the “Bill Marran Track” in honor of Coach Marran’s extraordinary dedication and commitment to coaching in the Milford Athletic Program. Mr. Knepp then read a resolution to name the track for Bill Marran that was supported by a vote of the board. The dedication will occur at the first home football game this fall.

Future Educators Advisor and Teaching Professions teacher, Mrs. Jennifer Norsworthy shared the tremendous success of her students at the National FEA Conference and recognized each of the top ten national finishers.

DECA advisor, Mrs. Terri Rothfuss recognized the DECA students who qualified for the DECA national competition.

The Board recognized Erin Gottsaker for being named to the Ohio Music Educators Association All State Band, First Chair.

Mr. Trout introduced girls’ softball coaches Tim and Christy Gregory and each of the girls on the varsity softball team who earned the first league championship in softball in Milford School history.

Jean Ackermann, Mary Ann Will, and Carol Bentley from the Milford Schools Foundation presented their annual spring grants to Milford teachers totaling $21,990.62. The Foundation also presented a check to the district for $15,000 for the STEM program and another $5,000 to Steve Heck for the iSpace project. To date, the Foundation has awarded $181,000 in grants to the district!

Athletic/Extracurricular Report
Rob Hewlett shared the great sportsmanship shown by Milford runner Eli Rizzo. During the running of the boys 3200 relay at recent meet, an opponent ahead of him lost his glasses on the track. Eli stopped and retrieved the eye glasses before they were crushed by other runners. Eli then continued on to the finish line, stopped, handed the glasses to their owner, and he continued on for his final lap. Eli placed another athlete before himself and modeled true sportsmanship to all runners, coaches, and the attending fans.
Great Oaks Report – Dave Yockey
Mr. Yockey reported that Great Oaks has hired a new CEO, Mr. Harry Snyder. He said that 15 Milford students will be recognized at upcoming graduation services for the Oaks. He praised the satellite programs, DECA and Teacher’s Academy, for their success in state and national competitions.

Student Representative
Senior Liz Knueven participated in her last Board meeting and thanked the Board for this opportunity. In turn, the Board thanked Ms. Knueven for her two years of service.

Public Participation
Milford resident Kathy Shaffer, who lives in the Eagle Watch neighborhood, shared her concern over the safety of students entering and exiting the high school off of Route 131 in the morning and afternoon. She noted the congestion will increase next school year with the elimination of early release for seniors. She proposed several short- and long-term solutions. She asked for the Board to work with the Milford and Miami Township police departments to address the issue; consider hiring a police officer to direct traffic; look at changing the traffic flow so students can more efficiently exit at Wolfpen-Pleasant Hill; request a school zone area on 131; and work with state officials to put in a dedicated turn lane or traffic light. The Board thanked Mrs. Shaffer for sharing her concerns as well as potential solutions. Dr. Farrell said that the district will be discussing options to address this traffic issue with the township and ODOT.

Treasurer’s Report
Mrs. Deborah Caudle

The Board approved:
- Financial reports for the month ending April 30, 2014.
- The following donations:
  - Twenty yards of hardwood mulch valued at: $435.50 from Bzak Landscaping, Inc.
  - $15,470 –3M Company for an-Ingenuity grant for STEM to provide materials for science department

Mrs. Caudle also thanked the Milford Schools Foundation for its $21,990 in teacher grants.
Mrs. Caudle shared the revised five-year forecast. By state law, the five-year forecast is approved each October and the revised forecast approved the following May. The Board approved the revised forecast.

According to Mrs. Caudle, the five year forecast FY 2014 revenues are anticipated to be $3.6 million more this year than the prior year because of property tax collections reflecting the first half of May 2013 levy collections; increase in state funding due to the new Achievement Everywhere Budget passed by Governor Kasich; and an increase in casino revenue. Revenues in 2015-2018 will continue this trend with $3.1 million more in 2015, and holding steady through 2018 for property tax collections and state funding per the new formula. Expenditures in 2014 are down $620,000 due largely to a delay in the purchase of Science Textbooks for Elementary-HS until 2015. Expenditures in 2015 - 2018 reflect anticipated staffing needs, but do not reflect raises as we are still in negotiations with the MEA and MCEA. The five year forecast shows a positive cash balance in 2018, which indicates the May 2013 levy is anticipated to meet the district’s goal to last five years.

Superintendent’s Report
The Board approved the following recommendations of the Superintendent:
- Certified administrative two-year contract renewals.
- Milford Miami Township Drug Free Coalition Stipends to be paid for the 2013-2014 school year through grant funds.
- Agreement between the MEVSD Board of Education and Four Seasons Environmental, Inc. to be hired as commissioning agent for two new elementary schools, which is required by the state.
- Memorandum of Understanding between the District and the Milford Education Association/OEA/NEA regarding the payment of stipends to fulfill STRS requirements.
- Memorandum of Understanding between the District and the Milford Classified Employees Association to hired a supervisor for $1,000 to oversee summer cleaning staff.
- Administrative pay schedule, which includes no pick up for SERS.
- Administrative hiring recommendation of Mary Beth Fosse, District Coach, two-year contract 185 days.

The Board agreed to table its vote on the proposed Transportation Contract with Petermann until the
Special Board meeting planned for May 22. The Board wanted more time to review the terms of the contract.

Informational Items:

Construction Update
Mr. Charlie Jahnigen, lead architect for SHP Leading Design, shared the proposed floor plans for the new Charles L. Seipelt and Boyd E. Smith Elementary buildings. He spoke about the input from the district’s Design team, which held five meetings focused on the total floor plan, site plan, and building aesthetic. Mr. Jahnigen also held separate meetings for input from individual departments (e.g., art, kitchen, physical education, music).

The team established the following design rules/site plans/aesthetics:
- Art room near entry with display window
- Cafeteria with direct access to playground
- Operable/movable wall between gym and café
- Playground clear from classroom view
- Music/stage area designed as music classroom
- Media center located in center of academic wing
- Traditional materials with contemporary details
- Minimally sloped roof
- Clearly defined main entrance

Both buildings will have the exact same footprint. The academic wings will be two stories with grades K-3 on one floor and grades 4-6 on another floor. A two-story media center with a bright, open feel will be surrounded by the academic classrooms. Each building will have an extended canopy that comes off the main entrance.

Curriculum and Instruction
Dr. Jill Chin and Mrs. Nancy House

The Board approved the following:
- Payment of teachers for work on the revised world languages curriculum as well as revised high school art curriculum.
- Textbook for the College and Career Readiness course.
- Payment of teachers for work on MAC (Modified Adapted Curriculum) for high school courses and revised reading and math gifted curriculum.
- Pay Katie George to work with Jen O’Brien to develop a Language RTI program to pilot at Charles L. Seipelt Elementary.

Dr. Farrell shared that all testing has been reviewed district wide and modifications to the schedule will be shared at the June meeting.

The technology committee has been studying educational devices and has recommended students have a device that runs Chrome beginning in the 7th grade. The junior high school will be encouraging parents to purchase Chromebooks and will be sharing a flyer with details on buying new and refurbished ones. Network upgrades will be occurring this summer to support the increase in usage.

HUMAN RESOURCES
Mr. Tim Ackermann
Assistant Superintendent

The Board approved the following:
- Certified family care leave of absence for two employees.
- Certified hiring recommendations for summer school staff for 2013-2014.
- Classified non-renewals, retirements, hiring recommendations, and substitutes for 2013-14
- Approval of classified contract recommendations and resignations for the 2014-15 school year.
- Approval of Summer Camp staff recommendations.
- Approval of supplemental contract recommendations for the 2014-15.
- Approval of volunteers and student hiring recommendations for the 2013-14 school year.

Board of Education
Special Board of Education Meeting:
May 22, 2014
5:00 p.m.
Milford Board of Education Office
777 Garfield Avenue

Next Regular Board of Education Meeting:
June 19, 2014
7:00 p.m.
Milford High School - Auditorium
One Eagles Way