

MILFORD

BOARD OF EDUCATION NEWS

November 2018

The Milford Board of Education met on Thursday, November 15, 2018, at the Milford Schools Administrative Offices, 1099 State Route 131.

Presentations

Milford High School Student Artwork



Five high school art students were recognized by the Board: Ian McClain, Ellen Long, Clarissa Kester, Brooke Avance, and Peri Willoughby. Their teachers are Mrs. Schunk, Mr. Luessen, Mr. Shepherd, Mr. Schaefer, and Mr. Tucker.

The artwork of these five students will remain on display in the Administrative Office until the December Board of Education Meeting.

Girl Scout Troop

Girl Scout Troop 49712 attended the Board Meeting as part of earning their government badge. Girls in the troop

spoke to the Board about what they are learning about government including reviewing and discussing some of the Board's policies.



Presentation of Milford High School Diploma

The Board presented an honorary diploma posthumously to the family of Clell P. Steagall. Mr. Gary Knepp shared information about Mr. Steagall. Steagall left Milford High School to enlist in the U.S. Army in 1941. He fought in the Battle of Bataan and survived the Bataan Death March and later died in a POW Camp. Milford High School Principal Josh

Kauffman accepted the diploma on behalf of the Steagall family. The diploma will be on display in a memorabilia case in the lobby of Milford High School.

Announcement of the Veterans Wall of Honor

Mrs. Nancy House and Mr. Gary Knepp spoke about a Veterans Wall of Honor being added to the entryway of the Board of Education room. The Wall of Honor will feature a nameplate for each veteran included and will list the armed force branch, the conflict, and the dates of service along with a symbol indicated KIA or other cause of death. In addition, there will be an electronic display with photos, campaigns served, medals awarded, and dates of attendance at Milford High School. The Wall of Honor will also include medallions representing each branch of the military.

There will be criteria to be featured on the Milford Exempted Village School District Veterans Wall of Honor and submissions are to be approved by the designee assigned by the Superintendent. The guidelines for submissions will be posted on the district website.

Troop Box Ministries

Ms. Kelsey Erickson and Ms. Alex Heileman, Advisors of Junior High Builder's Club, and their student speakers shared that the Builders Club teamed up with the Milford Education Association to collect items for the troops and for the "Spread the Love" campaign.

They were able to collectively gather 2,838 items. Items were sent to both to Milford Miami Ministries and Support Our Troops.



Through these donations, the Builder's Club created 109 troop boxes with 15-20 items in each box. Every box contained a variety of items, including snacks, microwavable meals, treats, gum, hygiene items, and entertainment items like playing cards, magazines, and a notebook. Students throughout the school wrote thank-you letters to those serving our country to include in each of the boxes as well. Two hundred dollars raised from the MJHS Halloween Dance was donated to cover shipping costs.

From throughout the district, over 400 troop boxes were collected to donate to Diana Lawrence from Troop Box Ministries. Mrs. Lawrence thanked the students and shared that with the donations she receives from Milford Schools alone she will be able to send out care packages monthly for the next six months to service men and women in active duty.

Veterans Day Celebrations throughout the District

Mrs. Nancy House shared a video that highlighted the Veterans Day programs celebrated in each of our schools. More than 400 veterans were honored in our schools and dozens spoke to our students at the elementary buildings, junior high, and high school.

Veterans Day Video: https://youtu.be/0_Fylc3q_3A

Great Oaks Report

Mr. Yockey shared that the Great Oaks operating levy on the November ballot passed. He reviewed some of the newest career-technical programs offered through the Oaks.

Student Council Representatives

Mr. Caleb Cambron shared upcoming activities being planned by Student Council including the annual blood drive being held on December 4.

Public Participation

Ashley Steinke asked that the Board reconsider the contract with Clermont County Education Service Center at the Milford Preschool. She does not believe it is safe to have the preschool students in the same building with the older students served through the Clermont Educational Collaborative. Mrs. Steinke believes the design of the older building prevents adequate safety measures from being put in place.

Board of Education - Mr. George Lucas

The Board approved an addendum to the Superintendent's contract.

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Brian Rabe



The Board approved

- Financial reports for the month ending October 31, 2018.
- Disposal of three maintenance vehicles and auxiliary service items.

The Board also approved the necessary resolutions needed to pursue a bond issue to move on to the next phase of the district's master facilities plan. The district is looking into placing a bond issue on the ballot in 2019. These resolutions do not commit to an amount or date, but must be put in place now if the Board decides to act later.

Superintendent's Items

Mrs. Nancy House



The Board approved

- Updates to 30 policies and the first reading of six policies including emergency management, food sale standards, open enrollment, and student absences and excuses.
- Resolution to create the Milford Administrative Offices Veterans Wall of Honor.



Business and Operations

Mr. Jeff Johnson

No business to report

Human Resources

Mr. John Spieser



- Approval of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) adding LEGO League and Assistant High School Bowling Coach. Now all six elementary schools will have at least one lego league to ensure equity and access throughout the elementary.
- Approval to pay Melissa Lewis a stipend of \$65 per month for cell phone use retroactive from August 1, 2018.

