

Milford Board of Education
June 17 Regular Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

The June Milford Board of Education meeting took place at Mulberry Elementary. The meeting included several special presentations:

Curriculum Strategic Choice Presentation:

Administration continued its update of strategic choices from the district's Long Range Plan. For June, the strategic choice is Curriculum. The goal of this strategic choice is, "We will provide curricula and materials to improve elementary gifted programs, secondary honors and Advanced Placement courses and K-12 math."

The presentation reviewed all areas of the goals for curriculum: the gifted program, AP classes, and math. The first review included details about the gifted program. The presentation included a review of the number of students served in reading or math by the gifted program. The presentation included information about the online program called Moodle. It also included planned changes for the gifted program based on a review of the program and input from teachers, parents, and students. The goal is to provide more services to more students in an effective way.

The next part of the presentation included a review of enrollment in Advanced Placement classes. The district created an action plan which included active recruitment of students for AP classes. The focus was to get students thinking about a 7-12 education plan rather than wait until 9th grade to consider advanced courses. From May 2009 to May 2010, there was an increase of 28% in the number of students taking at least one AP exam. Looking ahead to enrollment for next school year, it looks like the district will meet its goal of increasing AP enrollment by 15% for year two of the action plan.

Part three of the presentation included information about K-12 mathematics. Math Investigations was a pilot program in 2009. Teachers reviewed the program and decided it was a worthwhile program for students in grades K-5. It is activity-based and encourages students to think creatively and work cooperatively with classmates. There will be intensive professional development for teachers this year to learn the program before implementation of any of the units. A team of teachers will review the curriculum for secondary math during the upcoming school year.

Elementary Mathematics Presentation:

Math Investigations is the new program that the district will implement in the coming years. It includes a tight connection between math and science. It includes a student activity book and materials for hands-on activities. There is an assessment component with many features which will allow teachers to track student progress on an ongoing basis.

Bauer Memorial Presentation:

Bill Knepp and R.J. Vilaro presented information about the fundraising effort to pay for a memorial for the late Dr. Ray Bauer. Students, parents, staff, and community members collected \$18,000 through a variety of fundraising efforts to pay for the memorial which will be placed in the Bauer Commons at Milford High School. The money, not used to pay the cost of the memorial, will go directly to the Bauer Scholarship Fund which, this year, raised more than

\$22,000. Mr. Knepp said it was a wonderful opportunity and honor to work with the students of the Class of 2010.

Food and Nutrition Presentation:

Nutrition Services presented its end of the year report. There were cost saving measures and green initiatives to save money and be environmentally responsible. The goals of next year relate to wellness for students. The department intends to declare Milford to be a Healthy School Environment where parents are encouraged to bring nutritious foods at lunch and serve as good role models to children to encourage healthier eating.

Connection between jobs and education:

Steve Wharton with the Clermont County Economic Development Corporation spoke to the board. The corporation is a non-profit entity. The group is working in making a connection between the skills needed in the labor force and the skills taught in the schools to make sure students are employable after high school and/or college. The key is to have partnerships between schools, government, and the business community. He plans to return to present more information to the board after further research and surveys are complete.

After the presentations, the board moved into executive session for the purpose of discussion about negotiations.

Treasurer's Section:

Board approved financial reports.

Board approved final appropriations for the year.

Board approved temporary appropriations for next fiscal year.

Superintendent's Section:

Board approved design plans for new construction at Milford Junior High

Board approved a resolution to seek a waiver to delay the full implementation of the Credit Flexibility Program. The tests are not ready for completion of the credit flex program, so the full implementation will not take place until next school year.

Board approved agreement with Turner Construction related to date of occupancy for the start of school in September.

Board approved the hiring of two assistant principals who replace other administrators:

Dennis Klasmeier—Milford HS Assistant Principal

Kendell Dorsey—Milford JHS Assistant Principal

Board accepted the donation of the Bauer Memorial for Bauer Commons at Milford HS.

Board approved the second reading of several policies

Board had first reading of revised policies including an Interdistrict Enrollment policy which will allow for open enrollment for students including students of staff members. The district will be able to discover a new revenue stream from state tax dollars for those students in attendance.

77% of districts in Ohio have open enrollment policies. The plan is to have a short enrollment

window to allow students to enroll before the start of the school year and allow the district to plan for those additional students. This is a potential revenue source for the district as families can choose to apply to send their child to Milford. The district will tightly control how many students will be accepted in open enrollment, but if the school has space and room for additional students, it makes financial sense to welcome more students in order to realize a financial gain.

The board approved a new 3-year contract with both the Milford Education Association and the Milford Classified Employees Association regarding language and costs. The agreement includes language related to healthcare and cost increases of 2% effective July 1, 2009 and a 1% increase for 2010 and 2011. The board also approved the same contract for employees of the district office who are not represented by an employee union.

Human Resources

Board approved resignations/retirements.

Board approved certified recommendations for Summer School in 2010.

Board approved certified recommendations for 2010-2011.

Board approved retire/rehire for three speech pathologists.

Board approved classified recommendations for 09-10.

Board approved classified recommendations for 10-11.

Board approved a non-renewal.

Board approved reading tutors for 10-11

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Board approved substitutes.

Board approved building supplemental contracts.

Board approved athletic supplemental contracts.

Curriculum & Instruction

Board approved pay for teachers for after school science tutorial sessions

Board approved resolution to have three waiver days for the district for 10-11 school year. The district will use the waiver days to offer professional development for teachers.

Information items:

Board had the first reading for textbooks for K-5 Math and AP Psychology

Next regular board meeting is July 15, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at Mulberry Elementary, 5950 Buckwheat Road, Milford, Ohio 45150.