

**MILAN AREA SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, January 15, 2020**

The regular meeting of the Milan Area Schools Board of Education was called to order by President Vershum at 7:00 p.m. on January 15, 2020.

Board Members Present: Vershum, Moccio, Cislo, Kiger, Landingham, Frait, Heikka

Board Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Bryan Girbach, Ryan McMahon, Krista Hendrix, Lon Smith, Shanna Spickard

Guests Present: Debbie Allen, Grace Gyolai, Sarah Vershum

Pledge of Allegiance

In recognition of National School Board Month, the Young Adult Program recognized the Board for their hard work and tireless effort to support our students.

Motion by Heikka supported by Moccio to elect Rita Vershum for President of the Milan Area Schools Board of Education for a one year term. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Motion by Kiger supported by Moccio to elect Andrew Cislo for Vice-President of the Milan Area Schools Board of Education for a one year term. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Motion by Vershum supported by Cislo to elect Amy Landingham for Secretary of the Milan Area Schools Board of Education for a one year term. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Motion by Cislo supported by Kiger to elect Kerri Moccio for Treasurer of the Milan Area Schools Board of Education for a one year term. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Motion by Cislo supported by Kiger to approve the appointments listed below:

Washtenaw School Board Association Representative Kirsten Frait

Legislative Relations Network Representative Kirsten Frait.

All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Public Comments: Debra Allen of 20020 Hickory Rd, Milan MI 48160 asked a question regarding the possible pre-Labor Day start for the 2020-2021 school year.

Motion by Heikka supported by Cislo to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of December 11, 2019 and to approve payment of bills/reimbursement of expenses. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

The Board heard a First Reading of the Budget Amendment, as presented in Attachment A.

Motion by Moccio supported by Cislo to appoint the following person to the administrative position listed and Base Salary listed effective immediately.

* Chelsea Iffland – Assistant Director of Student Services (\$89,000)

All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Motion by Heikka supported by Frait to approve the NEOLA policy updates as presented in Attachment C. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Superintendent's Comments:

Students

- The Symons Elementary Science Night (1-14-20) was well attended. The students and parents had a great time as they worked through 18 different science activities. One of the big highlights was the opportunity to build an air powered rocket and shoot it down the hallway.
- Students in all four buildings helped make the Rotary Christmas Basket program a huge success. Paddock, Symons, and MMS students collected non-perishable goods. MHS students collected money to help support the purchase of additional non-perishable goods. MHS students also helped sort and pack the items for distribution. The Milan Rotary Club thanks all of the MAS students for their contribution to the project.
- MCIS students are wrapping up their C-SPAN StudentCam video. The district is proud of the work our seniors have accomplished, and we wish them well in the national competition.

Staff

- Robin Blackburn (MS Paraprofessional) mother-in-law passed away last week.
- Mary Jo Monroe (Paddock Teacher) mother passed away last week.

Communication

- The district currently has 946 Twitter followers. That is down 3 from last meeting.
- The district currently has 2,001 Facebook followers. That is up 18 from last meeting.

Budget

- Superintendent Girbach announced that the district will be ordering two busses. One 71 passenger and one lift bus. Delivery will be around July 1.

Board

- Superintendent Girbach discussed the MASB Strategic Planning Process.
- Superintendent Girbach discussed the Pre Labor Day start to the school year.

General

- The district's Emergency Operations Plan was approved by the Washtenaw County Director of Emergency Services.
- All Star Driver Education provided the district with \$300 worth of gift certificates. As in the past, the gift certificates will be part of the silent auction at the GMACF Gala event.

Assistant Superintendent's Comments:

- Assistant Superintendent McMahon shared that the district's application for the Extended Time Literacy Grant was approved. The district will be receiving just over \$27,000 to put towards supplemental literacy instruction.
- Assistant Superintendent McMahon informed the Board of Education that District Improvement Surveys will be coming out from the district within the next two weeks. These are the surveys that are given to students, parents, and employees to garner their opinion to help inform our annual improvement processes.
- Assistant Superintendent McMahon additionally informed the Board of Education that the biennial Michigan Profile for Healthy Youth (MiPHY) survey will be shared with students in grades 7, 9, and 11. This survey is given across Michigan and helps inform the district and county about the health behaviors and attitudes of our students.

Board Member Comments:

- Board Member Heikka stated that involving the Ann Arbor Hands On Museum at the Symons Elementary School Science night was a great addition.
- Board Member Vershum spoke to the Board about Committee Assignments and plans for the Strategic Planning Retreat. Board Member Vershum addressed the Board regarding the Board Self Evaluation process. Vershum updated the Board on changes being made to National Honor Society. Vershum also asked a question about the new app being used by coaches in the athletic program.
- Board Member Landingham made a suggestion regarding Board liaison positions for each building.
- Board Member Moccio thanked Superintendent Girbach for introducing her to the new Theatre Manager, Yvette Kashmer.

Public Comments: None

Motion by Heikka supported by Cislo to enter into closed session pursuant to Section 8(b) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act, and upon the request of the student's parent/guardian, for the purpose of conducting a hearing to consider the discipline of a student whose identity is known to the Board as student 2019-2020-4. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Time entered closed session 8:09 p.m.

Time returned to open session 9:00 p.m.

Motion by Heikka supported by Frait to expel student 2019-2020-4 in accordance with the attached resolution. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

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purpose of conducting a hearing to consider the discipline of a student whose identity is known to the Board as student 2019-2020-5. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Time entered closed session 9:06 p.m.

Time returned to open session 9:41 p.m.

Motion by Heikka supported by Frait to expel student 2019-2020-5 in accordance with the attached resolution. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Time of Adjournment: 9:45 p.m.