

**MILAN AREA SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, January 17, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Milan Area Schools Board of Education was called to order in the Milan Area Schools District Boardroom located at 100 Big Red Drive, Milan MI, 48160, by President Cislo at 7:00 p.m. on January 17, 2024

Board Members Present: Prior, Rosen-Leacher, Cislo, Meray, Gutierrez

Board Members Absent: Faro, Heikka

Signed in Staff: Bryan Girbach, Margaret Durkee

Signed in Guests: Beth Vandergrift, Andrea Bennink, George Elder, Holly Charter

Pledge of Allegiance

Superintendent Bryan Girbach read a proclamation from Governor Gretchen Whitmer in observance of School Board Recognition month. He then personally thanked the board members for their service to Milan Area Schools.

Motion by Prior supported by Rosen-Leacher to elect Andrew Cislo for President of the Milan Area Schools Board of Education for a one year term. All Ayes Carried 5-0

Motion by Gutierrez supported by Meray to elect Rosen-Leacher for Vice President of the Milan Area Schools Board of Education for a one year term. All Ayes. Carried 5-0

Motion by Gutierrez supported by Rosen-Leacher to elect Heikka for Secretary of the Milan Area Schools Board of Education for a one year term. All Ayes. Carried 5-0

Motion by Meray supported by Gutierrez to elect Faro for Treasurer of the Milan Area Schools Board of Education for a one year term. All Ayes. Carried 5-0

Motion by Rosen-Leacher supported by Meray to approve the appointments listed below:

Washtenaw School Board Association Representative Gutierrez.

Legislative Relations Network Representative Prior.

All Ayes. Carried 5-0

Public Comments: None

Motion by Prior supported by Gutierrez to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of December 13, 2023. All Ayes. Carried 5-0

Motion by Rosen-Leacher supported by Gutierrez to approve the minutes of the regular meeting closed session of December 13, 2023. All Ayes. Carried 5-0

Motion by Meray supported by Prior to approve the bills/reimbursement of expenses. All Ayes. Carried 5-0

Motion by Gutierrez supported by Rosen-Leacher to approve Vickie Morey as a Symons Elementary School Classroom Teacher and Simona Cucuiet as a Milan Middle School Teacher Consultant effective immediately. All Ayes. Carried 5-0

Motion by Gutierrez supported by Rosen-Leacher to approve Kristen Schwartz as the Symons Elementary School Principal effective immediately. All Ayes. Carried 5-0

The Board received a PAC update presented by Andrea Bennink.

The Board was provided an update on the Strategic Plan Scorecard by Superintendent Girbach.

Public Comments:

- Andrea Bennink asked if there was a way to create a survey specifically for students with IEPs that would be more accessible. She also suggested adding direct links on the MAS website to social media accounts for various school groups, buildings, clubs etc.

Student Board Representative Comments: None

Assistant Superintendent Comments: None

Superintendent Comments were heard on the following topics:

- Milan Rotary Club Christmas Basket Program
- Passing of Dawn Hynds's Sister
- Passing of Terry Himich's Mother and Kristi Hosler's Grandmother
- Passing of Debbi Hosler's Husband
- MASSS LOA Approval
- MHS Exam Cram
- Board Support for Symons Principal
- Additional Paraprofessional Hires
- Passing of Dennis McComb
- Passing of Joanne Heath
- Washtenaw County Superintendents and Police Chiefs Meeting
- School Closures

Board Member Comments:

- Cislo discussed Board Member committee assignments, the upcoming School Board self-evaluation with MASB, and Ms. Moran's GMACF grant support letter. Cislo also thanked Mrs. Bennink for her update and reminded the audience that the district has a vacant slot on the WISD Parent Action Committee.
- Rosen-Leacher asked about the GMACF gala date and location. She summarized the work of the GMACF and how MAS students and schools benefit from the GMACF. She highlighted the upcoming Big Red Chat with the Board scheduled for February 20th at Milan Middle School.
- Prior spoke about attending the District Communications Committee meeting and expressed appreciation for the work being done by the committee.

- Gutierrez expressed gratitude for the many people working to support special education in our district/county and for their advocacy work. She echoed Ms. Bennink's call for cognitive accessibility across our district and programs.
- Meray thanked Ms. Bennink for her advocacy efforts and shared that she has completed all of the Level 1 and Level 2 CBA classes offered by MASB.

Time of Adjournment: 8:41pm