

**MILAN AREA SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
Wednesday, January 29, 2025**

The regular meeting of the Milan Area Schools Board of Education was called to order in the Milan Area Schools District Board Room located at 100 Big Red Drive, Milan MI, 48160, by President Cislo at 7:00 p.m. on January 29, 2025.

Board Members Present: Cislo, Prior, Faro, Meray, Gutierrez, Burdette

Board Members Absent: Heikka

Signed in Staff: Bryan Girbach, Ryan McMahon, Krista Hendrix, Margaret Durkee

Signed in Guests: None

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment: None

Motion by Prior supported by Gutierrez to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 14, 2025. All Ayes. Carried 6-0

Motion by Faro supported by Burdette to approve the 2024-2025 General Fund Budget Amendment as included in Attachment A. All Ayes. Carried 6-0

The Board provided the community an update on the Superintendent Selection Process

Public Comments: None

Student Board Member Comments: None

Assistant Superintendent Comments were heard on the following topics:

- 2024 Super Care Heroes - Care Solace
- Update on the 1-17-25 Professional Development Day
- Update on Michigan Association of School Administrators (MASA) Conference

Superintendent Comments were heard on the following topics:

- Mary-Kate Wayne - Monroe County Region Swimmer of the Year
- Big Reds Boys Bowling Team Currently Ranked 4th in the State
- Dan Heikka - Monroe County Region Coach of the Year
- Recommendation for Community to Monitor Legislative Actions Regarding Schools Coming from Lansing and Washington

Board Member Comments:

- Burdette shared that he has completed his first MASB course, CBA 101 and is registered for CBA 102 as part of the MASB Winter Institute. He expressed appreciation for the

opportunity to network and learn with other new board members. He also shared praise for the wrestling team at their latest meet.

- Prior gave an update about the most recent legislative breakfast at the WISD, and echoed Mr. Girbach's encouragement to engage with elected officials on behalf of public education.
- Faro noted that the Personnel Committee still needs to meet with MEA leadership regarding the superintendent search process, and stated the importance of also scheduling negotiation sessions with the MEA for the upcoming contract as soon as possible.
- Gutierrez shared that she is registered for the MASB Winter Institute and expressed gratitude for the opportunity. She provided an update from a meeting of the Academics and Programs Committee with the Monroe Community Foundation to review financial assets used to fund MAS scholarships. She wished middle school and high school performers good luck at their upcoming Solo & Ensemble competitions. She also encouraged stakeholders to call their elected officials regarding issues that impact public education funding and policy.
- Meray further encouraged the community to contact elected officials, take advantage of resources online and via MASB to learn about the issues and ways to contact legislators.
- Cislo echoed the call for advocacy, and related it to the superintendent search, stating that feedback received at the Big Red Board Chat emphasized the need for the next superintendent to be dedicated to public education and advocacy.

Time of Adjournment: 7:27 p.m.