

**MILAN AREA SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, October 27, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Milan Area Schools Board of Education was called to order in the Milan High School Theater located at 200 Big Red Drive, Milan MI, 48160, by President Cislo at 7:00 p.m. on October 27, 2022.

Board Members Present: Cislo, Kiger, Faro, Frait, Rosen-Leacher, Moccio, Heikka

Board Members Absent: None

Signed in Staff: Bryan Girbach, Ryan McMahon, Krista Hendrix, Yvette Kashmer, Jennifer Barker

Signed in Guests: Detective Sergeant Eric McLaughlin, Chief Donald Tillery, Jill Tewsley, Shannon Dare Wayne, Mike Angstadt, Laurie Englehart, Jenna McCall, Aidan Broadworth, Jules Meads, Kirk DeMars, Catherine Pucci, Anthony Carvalho, Dallas Aitson, Tonya Ronayne, George Elder, Holli Vallade

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment:

- Andrea Bennink provided an update on the WISD PAC Meeting and encouraged other parents to participate.
- Kirk DeMars expressed concern related to certain books in the Milan Area Schools libraries and his disagreement with the Board's response to stated concerns.

Motion by Rosen-Leacher supported by Kiger to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting of October 12, 2022 as amended. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Motion by Faro supported by Moccio to accept the 2022 Annual Audit as presented in Attachment A. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

A Section 98c Learning Loss presentation was made to the Board by Assistant Superintendent Ryan McMahon. The presentation slidedeck is included as attachment B

Detective Sergeant Eric McLaughlin and Chief of Police Donald Tillery spoke to the Board about the October 17, 2022 Milan High School Lockdown.

The Board discussed recommendations to be provided to the Washtenaw Association of School Boards Legislative Relations Network for future agenda topics.

The Board discussed the Communication Committee's Recommendations.

Public Comments

- Jules Meads expressed support for expanding the time allotted for lunch at Milan High School and for additional tennis courts.
- Andrea Bennink sought clarification on math support offered at the elementary school and implementation of recommendations made by the Communications Committee.
- Holli Vallade read an anonymous letter allegedly from a community member regarding certain books in the Milan Area Schools Library.
- Kirk DeMars expressed concern related to certain books in the Milan Area Schools Library and keeping discourse civil and not lodging personal attacks.

Superintendent's Comments were heard on the following topics:

- Homecoming Week
- Upcoming District Events
- National Bullying Prevention Month
- Fall Athletics
- Parent Teacher Conferences
- EMU-WISD-MAS Substitute Teacher Program
- Jake LaCross's New Son
- MASB Conference
- Milan High School Lockdown
- Calendar Changes for 10-31-22, 12-9-22, 2-3-23, and 5-5-23
- MI Future Educator Fellowships
- Upcoming Election on November 8, 2022

Assistant Superintendent Comments were heard on the following topics:

- At-Risk Counts
- Free/Reduced Counts
- Grant Updates
- Administrators and Department Heads

Board Member Comments:

- Frait thanked students for attending and participating in the meeting, Ms. Bennink for her participation in the WISD PAC, and staff for their participation in parent/teacher conferences. She mentioned several upcoming events in the schools and provided an update from the MASB Conference.
- Faro provided information relative to the financial audit and a financial update. He thanked Mr. DeMars for his comments and offered to meet with members of the community to discuss concerns. He mentioned standardizing "Get to Know You" forms across buildings and the Michigan Parents Council.
- Rosen-Leacher mentioned several upcoming events in the schools and provided an MASB update.
- Moccio provided an MASB update.
- Heikka thanked the students for attending and participating in the meeting and Mr. Girbach for his leadership and communication during the recent lockdown. She indicated she looked forward to receiving a list of books with LGBTQ themes as offered by the

community. She suggested including certain Communications Committee recommendations in the Board Operating Procedures.

- Kiger inquired on mentoring programs for teachers and invited the community to stop by the Board table during downtown trick or treating.
- Cislo acknowledged a FOIA appeal that will appear on the next Board Agenda and provided an update on the MASB Conference. He also mentioned inviting Scott Morrel to the December Board meeting to assist with certain business. He also thanked the staff for their participation in parent/teacher conferences, the community for their efforts during the lockdown, and the student that reported the threat at the High School.

Time of Adjournment 9:15 p.m.