

**MILAN AREA SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
Wednesday, October 30, 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 October 30, 2024.

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

Board Members Absent: None

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

Signed in Guests: None

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment: None

Motion by Rosen-Leacher supported by Meray to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of October 9, 2024. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Motion by Faro supported by Gutierrez to approve the minutes of the regular meeting closed session of October 9, 2024. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Motion by Heikka supported by Faro to accept the 2024 Annual Audit as presented in Attachment A. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

The Board heard an update on the 2024 Sinking Fund Millage Proposal presented by Superintendent Girbach

Public Comments: None

Student Board Member Comments:

- Virginia Heikka provided information about the Interact Club and Rotary Club Pizza for Polio event occurring on Tuesday, November 5, 2024. She also discussed the costume contest being held at MHS.

Assistant Superintendent Comments:

- Grant Update
  - 35A5 Literacy Paraprofessionals
  - 35J - Elementary Teacher Professional Development
  - 41 - Bilingual and ELL
  - 23G - Math Intervention
  - Filter First
- Young Fives Curriculum -Kaplan Early Learning
- Professional Development Day details for November 1

Superintendent Comments were heard on the following topics:

- Fall Athletic Accomplishments
- Winter Sports Introductions
- Thanks Staff for Additional Efforts During Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Congratulations to Coach Rodriguez (MHSTeCA Regional Coach of the Year)
- Building Internal Reviews
- Pupil Counts
- Sex Education Advisory Board (SEAB) Member Applications

Board Member Comments:

- Faro encouraged everyone to vote on or before Tuesday, November 5, 2024. He named the candidates running for the Board of Education and provided information about how to learn more about each candidate. He also discussed details regarding the MAS Sinking Fund millage and the WISD Special Education millage.
- Prior talked about the recent Michigan Association of School Board conference that she attended. She shared information about classes she took and sessions that she attended. She also discussed the importance of creating a positive narrative about Milan Area Schools.
- Gutierrez talked about the recent Michigan Association of School Board conference that she attended. She shared information about classes she took and sessions that she attended. She thanked the Girls Scouts and National Junior Honor Society for their support of the Empty Bowls fundraiser held on October 14, 2024. She thanked the staff for their dedication to the Parent Teacher Conference process. She praised the students for their good behavior during the field trip to The Detroit Science Center. She also thanked the staff for making the field trip a huge success.
- Meray talked about the recent Michigan Association of School Board conference that she attended. She shared information about classes she took and sessions that she attended. She thanked everyone who attended Mrs. Upton's memorial service including alumni and current band members. She announced the upcoming SEMMLAA Spelling Bee being hosted at Milan Middle School.
- Heikka encouraged everyone to vote on or before Tuesday, November 5, 2024. She discussed the Board of Education, MAS Sinking Fund millage, and the WISD Special Education millage. She thanked the families and staff for their dedication to the Parent Teacher Conference process. She congratulated Coach Rodriguez for being named the MHSTeCA Regional Coach of the Year. She wished the Girls Swim and Dive team good luck in their upcoming Huron League meet. She also provided details on how to learn more about the Sinking Fund millage and encouraged community members to ask Board members questions about the Sinking Fund.
- Cislo talked about the recent Michigan Association of School Board conference that he attended. He shared information about classes he took and sessions that he attended. He specifically talked about the General Session provided by Adolf Brown. He also spoke about the positive effects the Sinking Fund could have on MAS.

Time of Adjournment: 7:47p.m.