

**MILAN AREA SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, November 15, 2023**

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 November 15, 2023.

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

Board Members Absent: None

Signed in Staff: Bryan Girbach, Ryan McMahon, Margaret Durkee, Sara Beckman

Signed in Guests: Maya Faro, George Elder, Trish Sinclair, Sarah Hume, Gary Taepke, Pamela Speelman, Rachel Hobbs, Alibeth Vandergrift, Cassie Prior

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comments: None

Motion by Faro supported by Heikka to approve the bills/reimbursement of expenses.
All Ayes. Carried 6-0

The Board held the Board Candidate Interviews

The Board conducted the Board Candidate Selection Process

First Round Scoring	Cislo	Faro	Gutierrez	Heikka	Meray	Rosen-Leacher	Total
George Elder IV	5	5	4	5	5	4	28
Sarah Hume	4	3	5	4	2	3	21
Cassie Prior	1	1	1	1	1	1	6
Pamela Speelman	3	2	3	3	4	5	20
Gary Taepke	2	4	2	2	3	2	15

Second Round Scoring	Cislo	Faro	Gutierrez	Heikka	Meray	Rosen-Leacher	Total
Cassie Prior	1	1	2	1	1	1	7
Gary Taepke	2	2	1	2	2	2	11

Motion by Faro supported by Meray to appoint Cassie Prior to serve as a member of the board of education of Milan Area Schools for the unexpired term of Kirsten Frait (resigned) ending on December 31, 2024, as authorized by law. All Ayes. Carried 6-0

Public Comments: None

Student Board Representative Comments:

- Faro congratulated the Girls Volleyball and Swim Teams and wished them luck at their upcoming events. She also encouraged everyone to attend the Alice in Wonderland play.

Assistant Superintendent Comments were heard on the following topics:

- Student At-Risk Counts
- Student Free-Reduced Lunch Counts
- Grants Update
- Title III Audit Update
- High School Interact Club Updates
- November 1st Professional Development
- Internal Reviews

Superintendent Comments were heard on the following topics:

- MHS Production of Alice in Wonderland
- MHS Volleyball Team
- FCI Graduation Ceremony
- MHS Girls Swimming Team
- Passing of Holli Connin's Father
- Resignation of Kim Jasper
- Internal Reviews
- November 1st Professional Development

Board Member Comments:

- Faro congratulated Cassie Prior on her appointment to the Board. He provided a finance update and announced that the Board approved LOA with the Administrative Staff, Custodians, and Paraprofessionals was still active and awaiting ratification by the Union. He also announced the upcoming Big Red Board Chat and provided a WISD program update.
- Rosen-Leacher thanked the District for supporting Board member education. She congratulated the Girls Volleyball team and wished them luck. She also expressed thanks to Milan High School Productions and their recent Facebook videos celebrating student accomplishments. She thanked Mr. McMahon and the staff for their thorough internal reviews. She also discussed the Reimaging Milan proposal.
- Meray expressed pride related to the Girls Volleyball team and their accomplishments. She thanked the community patrons for supporting the Alice in Wonderland program. She thanked Mr. McMahon and the staff for their hard work on the internal review. She thanked Kim Jasper for her service to the district. She also thanked the District for its support of Board member education.
- Gutierrez thanked Kim Jasper for her leadership, the District for providing paraprofessional centric professional development, and Mr. McMahon and the staff for their work on the internal reviews. She welcomed Cassie Prior to the Board and thanked all of the candidates

for their participation. She encouraged everyone to come see Alice in Wonderland and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

- Heikka thanked Kim Jasper and Kirsten Frait for their service to the District. She congratulated the Girls Volleyball and Swim Teams and wished them luck at their upcoming events. She encouraged everyone to come see Alice in Wonderland play. She encouraged students to sign up for the Girls Softball Team.
- Cislo thanked the Board candidates for their participation. He also thanked Kirsten Frait for her service to the District. He further thanked the Paraprofessionals that attend the meetings and Member Rosen Leacher for organizing the Board's participation in the Downtown Trick or Treating. He announced that the next Big Red Board Chat would focus on Reimagining Milan. He announced that the Board would review Mr. Girbach's evaluation in December. He discussed the MASB conference. He wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. He wished the Girls Volleyball and Swim Teams luck at their next events.

Time of Adjournment 8:45 p.m.