

**MILAN AREA SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2025  
AGENDA**

**I. Call to Order**

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

**III. Board Organization**

- A. MASB Region 7 Board of Directors Representative Election – Attachment A

**IV. Communications / Community Engagement**

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- A. Public Comments

**V. Routine Matters for Approval**

- A. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 29, 2025
- B. Bills/Reimbursement of Expenses

**VI. Milan Area Schools Strategic Plan Business**

- A. Personnel / Leadership
  - 1. Superintendent Selection Process Update
- B. Communications / Community Engagement
  - 1. Public Comments
  - 2. Student Board Representative Comments
  - 3. Assistant Superintendent Comments
  - 4. Superintendent Comments
  - 5. Board Member Comments

**VII. Adjournment**

**MILAN AREA SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2025  
RESOLUTIONS**

**I. Call to Order**

The regular meeting of the Milan Area Schools Board of Education was called to order in the District Office Boardroom located at 100 Big Red Drive, Milan MI, 48160, by President Cislo at \_\_\_\_\_ p.m. on February 12, 2025.

Board Members Present:

Board Members Absent:

Staff Present:

Guests Present:

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

**III. Board Organization**

A. MASB Region 7 Board of Directors Representative Election – Attachment A

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ supported by \_\_\_\_\_ to direct the Superintendent, or designee, to cast the district's vote for the MASB Region 7 Board of Directors position for \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Select One: Guillermo Lopez, Cory McLaughlin, Jack Temsey)

Gutierrez \_\_\_\_ Heikka \_\_\_\_ Meray \_\_\_\_ Prior \_\_\_\_ Cislo \_\_\_\_ Burdette \_\_\_\_ Faro \_\_\_\_  
Carried \_\_\_\_\_.

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A. Public Comments

**V. Routine Matters for Approval**

A. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 29, 2025

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ supported by \_\_\_\_\_ to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 29, 2025.

Heikka \_\_\_\_ Meray \_\_\_\_ Prior \_\_\_\_ Cislo \_\_\_\_ Burdette \_\_\_\_ Faro \_\_\_\_ Gutierrez \_\_\_\_  
Carried \_\_\_\_\_.

B. Bills/Reimbursement of Expenses

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ supported by \_\_\_\_\_ to approve the bills/reimbursement of expenses.

Meray \_\_\_\_\_ Prior \_\_\_\_\_ Cislo \_\_\_\_\_ Burdette \_\_\_\_\_ Faro \_\_\_\_\_ Gutierrez \_\_\_\_\_ Heikka \_\_\_\_\_  
Carried \_\_\_\_\_.

**VI. Milan Area Schools Strategic Plan Business**

A. Personnel / Leadership

1. Superintendent Selection Process Update

B. Communications / Community Engagement

1. Public Comments

2. Student Board Representative Comments

3. Assistant Superintendent Comments

4. Superintendent Comments

5. Board Member Comments

**VII. Adjournment** - Time of Adjournment \_\_\_\_\_.

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**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

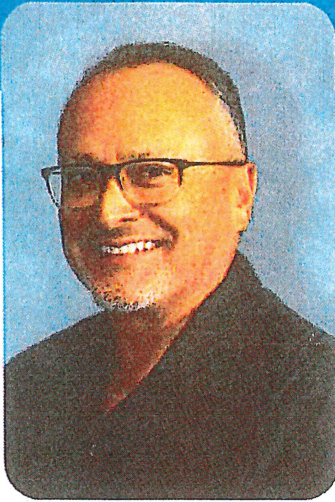


Board Member Comments:

- 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.

## Region 7 (Three-Year Term)



**Guillermo Z Lopez** INCUMBENT

**Lansing School District, Ingham County**

Time served  
on this board:

**24** years

Offices held:

President, and  
Treasurer

### MASB Certification:

Certified Boardmember Award

Award of Merit

Award of Distinction

Master Boardmember

### Election Statement:

As we welcome the new year, we are also aware that changes in education funding from the federal government are very possible. As your director from Region 7, I will work closely with our MASB staff and pay close attention to how these changes may affect our educational system here in Michigan. I will also continue to support the work MASB has done in the area of equity in education in all its forms. Additionally, I will continue supporting districts that need training but are not in a position to cover the costs. I very much appreciate MASB staff who are continually looking at ways that we can expand these funding efforts. Finally, I hope you have enjoyed the newsletter coming directly from Region 7.

## Region 7 (Three-Year Term)



**Cory McLaughlin**

Jefferson Schools, Monroe County

Time served  
on this board:

**11** years

Offices held:

President and  
Secretary

**MASB Certification:**

Certified Boardmember (CBA 101)

### Election Statement:

Since joining the Jefferson School Board in 2014, I have been dedicated to ensuring that every decision we make is in the best interest of our students. I am passionate about creating opportunities for all learners and believe that every child deserves access to a high-quality education that meets their unique needs and aspirations.

Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs are a priority for me because they provide students with real-world skills and open doors to meaningful careers. I also strongly advocate for advanced classes to challenge and inspire high-achieving students, ensuring they are prepared for post-secondary education and beyond. Equally important is my commitment to special education, as I believe every child, regardless of ability, deserves the resources and support to thrive.

My experience on the Jefferson School Board has taught me the importance of collaboration, fiscal responsibility and community engagement. I bring a student-centered approach to decision-making and strive to build partnerships that benefit our schools. Serving on the MASB Board of Directors would allow me to expand this work, sharing best practices and advocating for policies that empower all districts to succeed.

I am running for this position because I am deeply committed to advancing education in Michigan and ensuring that every child has access to the tools and opportunities they need to achieve their full potential.



## Region 7 (Three-Year Term)



**Jack Temsey**

**Eaton RESA, Eaton County**

**Time served on  
another board:**

**8** years

Pottsville  
Public Schools

**Offices held:**

Secretary and  
Treasurer

**Time served  
on this board:**

**8** years

**Offices held:**

President, Vice  
President, Secretary  
and Treasurer

**MASB Certification:**

Certified Boardmember Award

Award of Merit

Award of Distinction

Master Boardmember

Master Diamond

Master Platinum

### Election Statement:

As a Board of Education Trustee, I feel we are the voice for our children. We need to utilize this voice to ensure we can offer our children the education they deserve, regardless of the struggles that we face behind the scenes.

We need to direct this voice to those who create legislation that we feel will adversely affect public education, as well as remember to offer praise to those who show us favor and offer to help. I believe the voice of our boards and communities can make a difference. I have strived to become the best board member I can be. One of the ways that I have tried to accomplish this is by becoming certified through the MASB's CBA program. I have gained a wealth of knowledge by attending classes, conferences and other various events as well as networking with board members from around the state.

Public education is as diverse as our country. There are no single fix-all solutions that work for every school district. I feel that bringing the voice of small communities and small districts to the forefront is important. I would like to continue advocating to provide

adequate and equitable funding for ALL districts. Adequate funding is sufficient funding to provide basic schooling. Equitable funding is based on fairness.

I previously served the Pottsville Public Schools Board of Education for eight years. During this time, I served on the Policy, Community Relations and Technology Committees, as well as Secretary and Treasurer. I have been an Eaton RESA Trustee for eight years, serving on the Building and Grounds and Finance and Audit Committees as well as Secretary, Vice President and Treasurer. I am currently serving again as President.

Additionally, I have served MASB as a member of the Curriculum and Instruction Committee and Government Relations Committee plus served as its Vice Chairman, also on the Resolutions and Bylaws committee, and as its Vice Chairman. I am currently serving again on the Government Relations Committee as its Vice Chairman.

I would be honored to serve on the MASB Board of Directors to represent you, our Region, and our students. I want to bring your voices to the table to further benefit the future of public education.