

**MILAN AREA SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday February 22, 2023**

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 February 22, 2023.

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

Board Members Absent: Moccio

Signed in Staff: Bryan Girbach, Ryan McMahon, Yvette Kashmer, Nichole Kuenzel

Signed in Guests: Andrea Bennink, George Elder, Annie Kruse, Holli Vallade, Maya Faro

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion by Frait supported by Rosen-Leacher to commend our 2022-2023 Career and Technical Education students for all of their accomplishments this year. All Ayes. Carried 6-0

Public Comment:

- Annie Kruse thanked the Board for reading the book *Why Meadow Died*. She also expressed concerns related to the replacement of a teacher.
- Holli Vallade commented on receiving threats herself and her belief that the Board blamed commenters for the violent threats received by the Board. She also made accusations of grooming and indicated that she believes grooming can be unintentional.

Motion by Faro supported by Meray to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 8, 2023. All Ayes. Carried 5-0 Abstention by Frait

Motion by Faro supported by Rosen-Leacher to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting Closed Session of February 8, 2023. All Ayes. Carried 6-0

Motion by Meray supported by Faro to approve the Body Safety Curriculum, created by the Washtenaw Area Council for Children and recommended by the Sex Education Advisory Board, for use at Paddock Elementary School. All Ayes. Carried 6-0

The Board discussed chapters one and two of the book “Why Meadow Died”

The Board was updated on the WISD PAC by Andrea Bennink

Public Comments:

- Annie Kruse commented on the book *Why Meadow Died*. She also provided her perspective related to an alleged lack of discipline in the schools.

- Holli Vallade commented on the location of public comment in the Board's agenda. She also disagreed with Board member statements that they will continue to protect marginalized students. She also alleged that Milan test scores were plummeting.

Student Board Member Comments:

- Faro provided an update on upcoming school activities.

Superintendent's Comments were heard on the following topics:

- Recognition of CTE Month
- Passing of Colin Lamber's (Paddock Teacher) Father
- Passing of Bryan Girbach's (Superintendent) Father
- Addressing MHS Staff Issue with Parents
- Secure Educational Consultants Contract
- MHS Door Securing Devices
- Availability of the Annual Education Reports (AER)
- Governor's Budget Recommendations

Assistant Superintendent Comments were heard on the following topics:

- Grant Update
 - Assessment Reimbursement Grant
- MSTEP Preparations
- Thanked Mrs. Kuenzel for her Leadership of the Sex Education Advisor Board (SEAB)

Board Member Comments:

- Rosen-Leacher thanked Milan Main Street for their support of former Milan students at Michigan State University.
- Meray reminded the community of the Downtown Read Around.
- Frait provided a WASB update, thanked Mr. Hull for his communications about athletics, and announced the February 22 legislative coffee.
- Faro commented on the budget, book challenges, and MASB training.
- Heikka responded to allegations made during public comment, including providing updated information of increased test scores, and reiterated her intention to continue to protect marginalized students.
- Cislo announced procedures for replacing Board Member Moccio.

Motion by Heikka supported by Faro to enter into closed session pursuant to Section 8(1)(h) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act and Section 13(1)(g) of the Freedom of Information Act for the purpose of reviewing attorney-client communication. All Ayes. Carried 6-0

Time entered closed session 8:23p.m.

Time returned to open session 10:20 p.m.

Motion by Heikka supported by Rosen-Leacher to table the book challenge "Identical" by E. Hopkins until further action is taken by the Board. All Ayes. Carried 6-0

Motion by Heikka supported by Faro to table the book challenge “Tricks” by E. Hopkins until further action is taken by the Board. All Ayes. Carried 6-0

Motion by Heikka supported by Meray to table the book challenge “Push” by Sapphire until further action is taken by the Board. All Ayes. Carried 6-0

Time of Adjournment: 10:23 p.m.