

**MILAN AREA SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, March 13, 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 7:01 p.m. on March 13, 2024.

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

Board Members Absent: Meray

Signed in Staff: Bryan Girbach, Ryan McMahon, Margaret Durkee, Vicki Etter, Dawn Hynds

Signed in Guests: Gwen Fosse, Andrea Bennink, Kris Timmerman, Ann Ricks, Gino Ricks, Brandy Timmerman

Pledge of Allegiance

The family of Gino Shaw recognized MMS Staff members Dawn Hynds and Vicki Etter for their response to a student medical incident

Public Comments: None

Motion by Gutierrez supported by Faro to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 26, 2024. All Ayes. Carried 6-0

Motion by Rosen-Leacher supported by Prior to approve the minutes of the regular meeting first closed session of February 26, 2024. All Ayes. Carried 6-0

Motion by Gutierrez supported by Rosen-Leacher to approve the minutes of the regular meeting second closed session of February 26, 2024. All Ayes. Carried 6-0

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

The Board heard a WISD PAC Update presented by Andrea Bennink

Motion by Faro supported by Heikka to approve Cassidy Schettenhelm as a Milan High School Science Teacher and Sophia Kleyla as a Symons Elementary School Social Worker effective upon the district's receipt of their credentials required for permanent employment in their respective positions. All Ayes. Carried 6-0

Motion by Rosen-Leacher supported by Prior to extend Superintendent Girbach's contract by one year through June 30, 2029. All Ayes. Carried 6-0

Public Comments: None

Assistant Superintendent Comments were heard on the following topics:

- Grant Update
 - Robotics
 - Literacy
 - 31aa Mental Health / Safety
 - FFA Facility
- New Class being Proposed - Ag Mechanics
- NAEP at Symons Elementary

Superintendent Comments were heard on the following topics:

- Thank You for Contract Extension
- Boys Bowling Accomplishments
- Girls Bowlin Accomplishments
- Washtenaw United Girls Hockey Team Accomplishments
- Boys Swimming Team Accomplishments
- Middle School Choirs Accomplishments
- Vicki Etter - WNIC 100.3 Teacher of the Week
- Robert Hull - MIAAA Athletic Director of the Year
- Reproductive Health Education Survey

Board Member Comments:

- Heikka wished students in the play and Spring sports tryouts good luck. She discussed her reason for voting in favor of Mr. Girbach's contract extension. She also discussed the success of the Boys Swim Team at the State Meet.
- Prior reminded the community of the Spring Sports schedules and invited them to come support the athletes. She also congratulated the Boys Swim Team and their success at the State Meet and discussed compliments the boys received for their good behavior during the meet.
- Gutierrez expressed deep gratitude and joy in seeing Gino Shaw and his family at the meeting and thanked the staff for the care they provide our students. She also thanked the providers at Michigan Medicine for the care they provide to our community. She also thanked Mr. Girbach for the compassion he provides our families.
- Cislo thanked Ms. Bennink for her update and providing resources for students and families over the summer. Reminded everyone to complete the MASB survey. He announced that he would follow up with MASB on their DEI workshop. He mentioned the WASB meeting. He congratulated the Robotics team for their success. He thanked Mrs. Miller for her continued support and facilitation of the Community Reads project and GMAC for supporting the program. He read a note from Mrs. Meray praising students participating in the Middle School Quiz Bowl. He also discussed pride in our student and parent volunteers for all they do in our community.

Motion by Heikka supported by Faro to enter into closed session pursuant to Section 8(1)(b) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act, and upon the request of the student's parent/guardian, for the purpose of considering a reinstatement petition for a student whose identity is known to the Board as student 2022-2023-3. All Ayes. Carried 6-0

Time entered closed session 8:00 p.m.

Time returned to open session 9:48 p.m.

Motion by Faro supported by Prior to conditionally reinstate student 2022-2023-3 in accordance with the attached resolution as read by President Cislo. All Ayes. Carried 6-0

Time of Adjournment: 9:53 p.m.