

**MILAN AREA SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
Wednesday, April 10, 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 April 10, 2024.

**Board Members Present:** Cislo, Gutierrez, Rosen-Leacher, Prior, Meray, Heikka (7:01)

**Board Members Absent:** Faro

**Signed in Staff:** Bryan Girbach, Ryan McMahon, Aaron Shinn, Dan Heikka, Kerry Frame, Margaret Durkee, Denise Cook

**Signed in Guests:** Avery Powell, Sara Mitchell, Kamryn Stripp, Annabelle, Hannah Brady, Hallie Thornton, Krista Cook, Laila Nemeth, Kiera Luhrs, Mariah Stines, Laila Frye, Madison Slack, Lana Pacholke, Makenna Slack, George Elder IV, Zariah Blackwood, Peyton Bergstrom, Paxton Williams, Denise Williams, Sarah Monroe, Megan McChesney, Olivia Henry, Emma Walline, Aubree Higgins, Emma Budd, Shannon Budd, Dave Budd, Kristi Higgins

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion by Heikka supported by Rosen-Leacher to commend the 2023-2024 MHS Varsity Girls' Swimming and Diving Team and their coaches for all of their accomplishments this year.  
All Ayes. Carried 6-0

Motion by Rosen-Leacher supported by Meray to thank the Paraprofessionals of Milan Area Schools as recorded in Attachment C. All Ayes. Carried 6-0

Public Comments: None

Motion by Prior supported by Gutierrez to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 13, 2024. All Ayes. Carried 6-0

Motion by Gutierrez supported by Meray to approve the minutes of the regular meeting closed session of March 13, 2024 All Ayes. Carried 6-0

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

Motion by Heikka supported by Prior to approve the Adult/Community Education Graduates (as listed in Attachment D) contingent upon their completion of all graduation requirements.  
All Ayes. Carried 6-0

Motion by Meray supported by Gutierrez to approve the Agricultural Mechanics Course (as detailed in Attachment E). All Ayes. Carried 6-0

Motion by Prior supported by Rosen-Leach to approve the Internal Revenue Code Section 127 Plan (as detailed in Attachment F). All Ayes. Carried 6-0

Public Comments: None

Student Board Representative Comments

- Powell reminded Juniors and Seniors to purchase their prom tickets. She also discussed the 8th graders visiting the SWWC. She provided an update on recent and upcoming events.

Motion by Meray supported by Prior to commend the 2023-2024 MHS Varsity Girls' Volleyball Team and their coaches for all of their accomplishments this year. All Ayes. Carried 6-0

Assistant Superintendent Comments were heard on the following topics:

- Spring Assessments
- 27k - Student Loan Reimbursement Grant
- Agriscience Grants

Superintendent Comments were heard on the following topics:

- MHS Legally Blond, The Musical Production
- MMS Little Mermaid, Jr. Production
- MHS Concert and Chamber Choir Festival
- World Down Syndrome Day
- Passing of Caroline Vega (former MAS Paraprofessional)
- Passing of Kirsti Hossler's (Symons Administrative Assistant) Mother
- City Council Recognition of Everyone Involved in MMS Student Health Issue
- Community Read Project
- Reproductive Health Survey
- Reimagining MAS: 2024-2025 and Beyond
- Care Solace
- Milan Cares Community Clean-up
- RFP's for Door Locks and Security Surveillance
- Section 271 Educator

Board Member Comments:

- Meray congratulated the Volleyball and Girls Swim teams on their recent accomplishments. She thanked the Sixth Grade team for their work at Sixth Grade Camp. She also thanked the Agricultural Science team for their continued pursuit of cutting edge education and opportunities. She also thanked local businesses for their financial support. She also thanked those involved in the Middle School play for all of their hard work, including High School students that are mentoring the Middle School students.
- Gutierrez gave a shout out to all those involved in the Middle School play. She also congratulated the Volleyball and Girls Swim teams for their recent accomplishments and complimented them for their support for one another. She thanked Milan Community Reads for the gift of books. She hoped everyone had a restful Spring Break and reminded the community of upcoming Information Nights at the Middle School for incoming Fifth and Sixth graders on May 9 at 6:00 p.m.

- Prior congratulated the Volleyball and Girls Swim teams on their accomplishments, including their collective grade point averages. She also discussed the WASB professional development she attended on behalf of the Board.
- Rosen-Leacher also congratulated the Volleyball and Girls Swim teams on their accomplishments and thanked Mr. Shinn and Mr. Fedderer on their continued work on CTE.
- Heikka congratulated the Girls Softball teams on their recent wins.
- Cislo reminded the community that the Middle School play will be at the High School. He thanked the GMACF for supporting the Milan Community Reads program. He also reminded the community of the upcoming Buddy Swim Meet on April 22 at 7 p.m. He discussed the WISD budget, the Board Self-Assessment, and the Adult Education graduation. He thanked Ms. Prior for attending the WASB professional development.

Time of Adjournment: 8:14 p.m.