

**MILAN AREA SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, April 14, 2021**

The regular meeting of the Milan Area Schools Board of Education was called to order by President Cislo at 7:01 p.m. on April 14, 2021.

Board Members Present: Faro, Moccio, Cislo, Kiger, Landingham, Frait, Heikka

Board Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Bryan Girbach, Ryan McMahon, Krista Hendrix, Clara Thiry, Courtney Jeffers, Jennifer Barker, Kelley Smith, McKenzie Chappell, Melissa Fiederlein, Ms. Kuenzel, Wendy Unger, Daniel Heikka, Christina Miller, Lisa Francis

Guests Present: 17345467828, 7343660585, Aubrey Bukosky, Emma Brousseau, Holly, jeannie's iPhone, Renn Lambert, Lauren's iPhone

Pledge of Allegiance

Location of Board Members Attending Virtually:

Cislo – Milan, MI

Faro – Milan, MI

Frait – Milan Township, MI

Heikka – Milan, MI

Kiger – London Township, MI

Landingham – Exeter Township, MI

Moccio – York Township, MI

Public Comments: None

Motion by Faro supported by Landingham to approve the consent agenda that includes the minutes of the regular meeting of March 10, 2021, the minutes of the workshop meeting of March 24, 2021, and the approval of payment of bills/reimbursement of expenses. All Ayes Carried 7-0

The Board heard the first reading of the 2020-2021 April Budget Amendment as presented in Attachment A.

The Board worked on their 2021-2022 Goals.

The Board received a 2020-2021 School Year Update from Superintendent Girbach.

Motion by Heikka supported by Faro to remain in a hybrid model, with virtual option, for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Superintendent's Comments:

Students

- The district wants to remind our students and families that meals continue to be provided for free to all children under the age of 18. The provision of free food will continue through the end of the school year. A link to place food orders can be found on the main page of milanareaschools.org. Orders are taken each week between Wednesday morning and noon on Thursday. Orders are filled between 4:00 and 5:00 PM on Tuesdays behind Milan High School. The federal program does not include free milk as a separate item. The federal government is only reimbursing for free meal equivalents (meaning a full lunch).
- The Week of the Young Child (WOYC) was established in 1971 to recognize that the early childhood years (birth through age 8) lay the foundation for children's success in school and later life. WOYC is a time for us to celebrate how we meet the needs of all young children and their families. This year, WOYC is April 10th through April 16th. This week, we specifically want to celebrate the providers, teachers, and others who ensure young children in Milan have access to early learning opportunities. Please take some time out of your week to thank our staff members who work with our youngest learners.
- Athlete testing is going well. Robert Hull (Athletic Director) and Rebecca McLeod (Athletic Trainer) have been doing a great job of implementing the testing regimen. We thank our athletes and parents for cooperating with the required testing protocols.

Staff

- April 7th was Paraprofessional Appreciation Day. As a district, we are blessed to have an outstanding team of paraprofessionals involved in our work in every building and every program. Our paraprofessionals are vital in ensuring the success of our students. We thank all of our hard working paraprofessionals for their continued dedication to the students of Milan Area Schools.
- Connie Rose (Paddock Teacher) had a baby girl (Audrey Rose) on March 31st

Communication

- The district currently has 1,044 Twitter followers. This is down 2 from the last meeting.
- The district currently has 2,369 Facebook followers. This is up 7 from the last meeting.

Assistant Superintendent's Comments:

- Assistant Superintendent McMahon updated the Board on the start of the Spring assessments along including changes in accountability per the MDE waiver requests.

Student Board Member Comments:

- Aubrey Bukosky shared with the Board that she interviewed students about opinions regarding instruction models and shared the results and student comments with the Board.

Board Member Comments:

- Board Member Landingham shared information from some of the National School Board Association conference sessions she recently attended.
- Board Member Faro shared that he would be attending several Michigan School Board Association conference classes soon. Faro updated the Board on the Milan Cares Community Clean Up Day and extended his thanks to this amazing group. Faro shared that he will be attending the upcoming Adult Education graduation. He then commended our sports staff, families, and students, for complying with the new testing and safety guidelines and spoke of the great communication by building administrators.
- Board Member Heikka thanked the Early Childhood Staff for their amazing work and also congratulated the Boys' Swim Team for their accomplishments at State.
- Board Member Frait spoke about the upcoming graduation of the Adult Education students. Frait thanked Mrs. Unger for her upcoming art project, Mrs. Goffee for writing up the Top 10 Graduates, Mr. Hull for posting safety guidelines online, the students at MHS for completing their testing and staff for proctoring. Frait also shared the following: Paddock Elementary wore blue for Child Abuse Prevention Month, she would be attending the Washtenaw Association of School Boards Budget Presentation, and Aubrey Bukosky will be competing in a Twirling Competition in the Netherlands.
- Board Member Cislo thanked the Paraprofessionals for all that they do for our District. Cislo commented that he was glad Milan is currently under the hybrid model based on current conditions. Cislo thanked Ed Kolar from Milan Cares and all of the student volunteers that showed up to the Community Clean Up Day event.

Public Comments: None

Time of Adjournment: 8:30 p.m.