

**MILAN AREA SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
Wednesday, April 24, 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 24, 2024.

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

**Board Members Absent:** Heikka

**Signed in Staff:** Bryan Girbach, Ryan McMahon, Margaret Durkee

**Signed in Guests:** George Elder, Beth Vandergrift, Michael Terrell

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comments:

- George Elder shared concerns about his children's experiences at school.

Motion by Prior supported by Gutierrez to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of April 10, 2024. All Ayes. Carried 6-0

Motion by Rosen-Leacher supported by Faro to approve the 2024-2025 Schools-of-Choice Resolution as provided in Attachment A. All Ayes. Carried 6-0

Motion by Faro supported by Prior to approve the 2024-2025 Budget and Truth-in-Taxation Hearing Announcement as provided in Attachment B. All Ayes. Carried 6-0

Motion by Rosen-Leacher supported by Gutierrez to approve Anthony DeNardis as a Milan Middle School Teacher Consultant effective immediately. All Ayes. Carried 6-0

Motion by Faro supported by Gutierrez to approve the purchase and installation of door lock hardware upgrades for an amount not to exceed \$43,653 with Tanner Supply Company (as detailed in attachment C). All Ayes. Carried 6-0

Motion by Faro supported by Gutierrez to approve the purchase and installation of a video surveillance system for an amount not to exceed \$560,285.27 with Sentinel Technologies (as detailed in attachment D). All Ayes. Carried 6-0

Public Comments: None

Student Board Representative Comments: None

Assistant Superintendent Comments were heard on the following topics:

- ESSER Funding Reporting Document

- Acknowledgement of Two Students for their Society of Automotive Engineering Recognition and Mr. Davies for his Support of the Students

Superintendent Comments were heard on the following topics:

- MMS Production of “The Little Mermaid Jr”
- Flapjacks with Families at Symons Elementary
- 98% Completion Rate on Immunization Reporting
- Athletic and Academic Excellence of MHS Students
- Administrative Assistants’ Day
- Additional Required Evaluation Training for Next School Year
- Care Solace
- Meeting with Area Law Enforcement Regarding Oxford Incident
- District Communications Committee Work
- State Budget Update

Board Member Comments:

- Rosen-Leacher reminded Mr. Cislo and the board of the need to reschedule the upcoming Big Red Board Chat.
- Faro apologized for his absence at the last board meeting and shared comments regarding district credit card expenditures and the upcoming MAS budget hearing on June 5<sup>th</sup>. He suggested a conservative budget for the 24-25 school year. He also shared a reminder about Staff Appreciation Week May 6-10, thanked and complimented staff and invited the community to find ways to express gratitude as well. He commented on the spending of federal safety grant dollars, thanked the community for their support of the soccer fundraiser, and Connie Cox for the invitation to the upcoming Adult Education Graduation.
- Prior shared about opportunities in each building to contribute to Staff Appreciation Week. She thanked all involved in the MMS Musical and complimented the performances, as well as the support shown by high school theater students. She also offered congratulations and encouragement to spring sports athletes.
- Gutierrez thanked Ms. Prior for her kind comments and shared her gratitude for the inter-campus and cross-program mentoring that our staff and students intentionally engage in, and how it makes Milan a special district. She also shared about the support and enthusiasm exhibited at the recent Special Olympics Buddy Swim Meet and thanked Nancy Gill and others for their work on the event. Finally, she reminded families about upcoming Welcome Nights at each building, allowing families to tour their students’ new buildings and prepare for the 24-25 building transitions.
- Meray thanked the community for their support of the MMS production of Little Mermaid and congratulated the cast. She praised and thanked Ms. Julz Meray for her efforts directing the show and growing the program, and Mr. CJ Brooks for his musical leadership and expertise as the musical director. She named and thanked the high school students who were active mentors during the production and praised Dan Douglas for his intentional connection of the MMS and MHS theater programs. She also shared about the celebration of the 2020 cast of Little Mermaid, which was shut down due to COVID.
- Faro added that the 2020 cast recognition during Sunday’s show of Little Mermaid was very meaningful to his students and complimented the effort to recognize those students.

Motion by Faro supported by Prior to enter into closed session pursuant to Section 8(1)(h) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act for the purpose of attorney client privileged communication. All Ayes. Carried 6-0

Time entered closed session 8:15p.m.

Time returned to open session 9:20p.m.

Time of Adjournment: 9:20p.m.