

**MILAN AREA SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
WORKSHOP MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, April 28, 2021**

The workshop meeting of the Milan Area Schools Board of Education was called to order by President Cislo at 7:00 p.m. on April 28, 2021.

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

**Board Members Absent:** Landingham

**Staff Present:** Bryan Girbach, Ryan McMahon, Krista Hendrix, Jennifer Bookout, MaKenzie Chappell, Jennifer Barker, James Brousseau, Nichole Kuenzel, Jennifer Stafford, Clara Thiry, Chris Schmidt, Melissa Fiederlein, Christina Miller, Jessica Stafford, DAn Heikka

**Guests Present:** Jeannie's iPhone, Holly, Olga Mancik, Holli Vallade

**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

Moccio – York Township, MI

**Public Comments:** None

Motion by Faro supported by Frait to approve the 2020-2021 General Fund Budget Amendment as presented in Attachment A. All Ayes. Carried 6-0

Motion by Frait support by Heikka to approve the Adult/Community Education Graduate (as listed in Attachment B) contingent upon her completion of all requirements.  
All Ayes. Carried 6-0

**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).

- Athlete testing continues to go well with only 4 positive results out of approximately 800 tests. 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.
- SAVE THE DATE! Milan Area Schools and the Washtenaw County health Department will be hosting a Pfizer vaccination clinic on Tuesday, May 4th from 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM in the Milan High School cafeteria. An email with more details, including a link to register will be coming out soon.

### **Staff**

- Milan Area Schools is proud to have many successful coaches. Last week one of those coaches crossed a major milestone. Adam Gilles, our Varsity Baseball Coach, won his 400th game. Congratulations to Mr. Gilles.
- April 21st was Administrative Assistant's Day. As a district, we are blessed to have an outstanding team of Administrative Assistants. Our buildings and offices function smoothly because of the dedication of these vital staff members. We truly appreciate their hard work and continued support of our staff, students, and families.
- Next week, May 3rd through May 7th is Teacher Appreciation Week. The Board of Education will pass a formal resolution thanking our teachers at the May 12th Board meeting. At this meeting, I want to take a moment to personally thank our teachers for their dedication to the students of Milan Area Schools. This year, more than any other, our teachers have time and time again proven their commitment to providing an outstanding education to the students of MAS.

### **General**

- Kindergarten Registration will be held next Thursday (May 6th) from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. Parents are requested to register their kindergarten students for the 2021-2022 school year. The registration will be held in-person at Paddock Elementary School. All safety precautions and requirements will be followed. Students should not attend this registration session. A special time for kindergartners to visit Paddock will take place in August. A message with more details will be sent out late this week and/or early next week.
- Beth Llope recently donated 3 antique desk chairs to the district. Beth's mom, Judy Krieger, taught in the district from 1964 to 1971. Mr. and Mrs. Krieger bought the chairs from Milan Area Schools in 1969 when the district closed the building located at Hurd and Ferman and opened the building that is now Symons. They were used by

three generations of the family as dining room chairs and desk chairs. We plan to refurbish the one chair that was not painted and place it in the District Offices waiting area. The other 2 chairs that were painted white will take more time to refurbish. Mrs. Llope sent me an email that said, “Thank you so much for accepting the chairs from us. It means so much to our family that they have come full circle back to where they came from!”

### **Budget Update**

- Last Thursday, the Michigan House and Senate Appropriation subcommittees released and subsequently voted on their respective Fiscal Year 2021-22 budgets. Procedurally, this step of the budget process is largely routine. HB 4407 and SB 83 will continue through the negotiation process. The House and Senate budget versions are significantly different and will require a great deal of compromise to get to a final budget.
- Based on the Budget approval tonight, we will be moving forward with our annual purchase of student Chromebooks. The purchase will be made using ESSER II funds.

### **Board**

- Tomorrow (4-29-30) evening from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM, the Michigan Association of School Boards will be hosting a MiBoardAwards ceremony. Milan has two Board members being recognized:
  - Andrew Cislo - Advocacy Skills Specialty
  - Amy Landingham - Award of Distinction and Master Board Member AwardCongratulations to Andrew, Amy, and every Board member who took CBA classes during the past year.

### **Curriculum**

- A survey was emailed to all MAS staff today to begin the process of staffing a K-8 summer school program. The initial response to the survey has been very positive. Once we have staffing in place, we will begin inviting students to be involved in summer school. At this time, the program will be offered by invitation only, as we hope to serve our students who have most demonstrated the need for additional summer support. While all of the details of the program have not been fully developed, the current plan is to host 8 weeks of support with programming taking place from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. The students will receive breakfast and lunch with two-way transportation provided.

### **Communication**

- The district currently has 1,040 Twitter followers. This is down 4 from the last meeting.

- The district currently has 2,377 Facebook followers. This is up 8 from the last meeting.

**Assistant Superintendent's Comments:**

- Assistant Superintendent McMahon shared an update on the District Improvement Process. The three Goal Teams met for a data analysis session last week and will be working towards completing the goals, strategies, and activities prior to the end of May.

**Student Board Member Comments:** None

**Board Member Comments:**

- Board Member Cislo updated the Board on the Communication Committee's Goals and Surveys. Cislo thanked our teachers and Administrative Assistants for all they do for MAS.
- Board Member Heikka updated the Board on the Policy Committee discussion and the committee's upcoming meeting. Heikka inquired about district plans regarding the transition of students between buildings. She also thanked Superintendent Girbach for sharing athlete testing data and shared that she had recently been in contact with our government officials regarding needless testing of athletes.
- Board Member Faro congratulated Board Members Landingham and Cislo for their Michigan Association of School Board awards and thanked Superintendent Girbach and Anne Foor for helping him get set up for his Michigan Association of School Board classes.
- Board Member Frait spoke of Coach Pope's decision to step down from the Boys Varsity Basketball coaching position and thanked him for his accomplishments and many years of hard work. Frait also mentioned what a great job the baseball and girls soccer teams are doing. She thanked MR. Hull, Athletic Director, for posting great athletic updates on social media. Frait congratulated Alysia Townsend for being nominated as Mlive Athlete of the Week and Frait also thanked Superintendent Girbach for setting up the COVID vaccination clinic. Frait shared her condolences with James Brousseau for the passing of his mother and also offered to help answer any questions regarding the Washtenaw Association of School Board's budget.
- **Public Comments:** None

Motion by Heikka supported by Faro to enter into closed session pursuant to Section 8(a) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act, and upon the request of the employee, for the purpose of conducting a periodic personnel evaluation. All Ayes. Carried 6-0

Time entered closed session: 7:31 p.m.

Time returned to open session: 9:02 p.m.

**Time of Adjournment:** 9:04 p.m.