

**MILAN AREA SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
Wednesday May 11, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Milan Area Schools Board of Education was called to order in the Milan High School Theater located at 200 Big Red Drive, Milan MI, 48160, by President Cislo at 7:00 p.m. on May 11, 2022.

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

**Board Members Absent:** Landingham

**Staff Present:** Bryan Girbach, Ryan McMahon, Yvette Kashmer

**Guests Present:** Debbie Allen, Rachel Hobbs, Steve Frait, Andrea Bennink, George Elder, Holli Vallade

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion by Frait supported by Faro to thank the staff of Milan Area Schools as recorded in Attachment A. All Ayes. Carried 6-0

The recognition for the 2021-2022 Equestrian Team and their coach was tabled to a future meeting

Comments from the public were heard.

- Rachel Hobbs requested that her comments be included in the minutes. She commented on her support for including expenses and other information in the public Board Packet.
- Andrea Bennink requested that her comments be included in the minutes. She commented on her appreciation for the 11t funding Zoom and her concerns related to using those funds for staffing purposes and her support for using those funds for parent education programs, materials, and staff training. She also commented on seeking staff input on the use of those funds.
- Holli Vallade requested that her comments be included in the minutes. She commented on her concerns related to reported student count differentials.

Motion by Faro supported by Heikka to approve the minutes of the workshop meeting of April 26, 2022. Carried 5-1. No vote by Frait.

- Kirsten Frait requested that her comments be included in the minutes. She commented on continued discussion related to the meeting minutes format and her concerns related to the current format.

Motion by Moccio supported by Faro to approve the minutes of the closed session of April 26, 2022. All Ayes. Carried 6-0

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

Motion by Faro supported by Moccio to approve the 2022-2023 Budget and Truth-in-Taxation Hearing Announcement as provided in Attachment C. All Ayes. Carried 6-0

Motion by Heikka supported by Moccio to approve the 2022-2023 Schools-of-Choice Resolution as provided in Attachment D. All Ayes. Carried 6-0

Motion by Faro supported by Moccio to approve the Milan Area Schools Course Offerings as detailed in Attachment E. All Ayes. Carried 6-0

The Board heard the First Reading of the 2022-2023 WISD Budget Resolution as included in Attachments F1, F2, F3, and F4

Motion by Heikka supported by Frait to approve the FCI Graduates (as listed in Attachment G) contingent upon their completion of all requirements. All Ayes. Carried 6-0

Debbie Allen provided the Board with an update from the Communication Committee.

The Board was provided with an update regarding the School Board Vacancy.

The Board received an update regarding the Big Red Board Chat.

Comments from the public were heard.

- Rachel Hobbs requested that her comments be included in the minutes. She questioned why the Open Meetings Act prevented more Board Members from attending the Big Red Board Chat.
- Holli Vallade requested that her comments be included in the minutes. She commented on the request and her support to allow YouTube comments on livestream, Spring count number differentials, concerns related to the meeting minutes, concerns related to the Middle School air conditioning, and how to communicate with the Communications Committee.

Comments from the Superintendent were heard.

Comments from the Assistant Superintendent were heard.

Comments from Board Members were heard.

- Kirsten Frait requested that her comments be included in the minutes. She commented on her support for the FFA, the Monroe Farm Bureau's honor of Tom Stahl, the FFA greenhouse, the 11t Zoom and Big Red Board Talk, and two-way communication.

Time of Adjournment: 8:02 p.m.