

**MILAN AREA SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, May 12, 2021**

The regular meeting of the Milan Area Schools Board of Education was called to order by President Cislo at 7:00 p.m. on May 12, 2021.

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

Board Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Bryan Girbach, Ryan McMahon, Krista Hendrix, Annie Kiser, Jennifer Barker, McKenzie Chappell, Catalina Salas, Courtney Jeffers, Nichiole Kuenzel, Melissa Fiederliein, Chris Schmidt

Guests Present: Rachel Hobbs, Lauren Frye, Annie Kurise, Tasha Frye, Vallade, Jayme McElvany, Eva Ruff, D. Allen, Kisten Kerns, Sam Ruff

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

Motion by Frait supported by Moccio to thank the staff of Milan Area Schools as recorded in Attachment A. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Lauren Frye, a member of the MHS Diversity Club, shared information with the Board and community about an upcoming Memorial Day event called “Better Together Virtual 5K”.

Public Comments:

Annie Kruse spoke to the Board regarding COVID testing of athletes, quarantines, and mask wearing.

Rachel Hobbs spoke to the Board regarding COVID and encouraged the community to speak up as well.

Jayme McElvany agreed with public comments regarding COVID and spoke to the Board about close contact quarantines and student vaccinations.

Motion by Landingham supported by Moccio to approve the consent agenda that includes the minutes of the regular meeting of April 14, 2021, the minutes of the workshop meeting of April 28, 2021, the approval of payment of bills/reimbursement of expenses, the 2021-2022 Budget and Truth-in-Taxation Hearing Announcement, and the 2021-2022 Schools-of-Choice Resolution. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

The Board heard the First Reading of the 2020-2021 WISD Budget Resolution as in Attachments D1, D2, D3, and D4

Motion by Faro supported by Landingham to approve the technology device purchases as presented in Attachment E. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

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

Motion by Frait supported by Faro to approve the “Resolution to Consider Designation of Electoral Representative for the June 7, 2021 WISD Biennial Election” as outlined in Attachment F. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

The Board discussed the Board Goal Development plan.

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 2 positive results out of approximately 200 tests last week. 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 and Johnson and Johnson vaccination clinic on Tuesday, May 25th from 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM in the Milan High School cafeteria. Appointments will

be available for anyone 12 years old or older! Individuals 17 years old or younger must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Visit milanareaschools.org to schedule an appointment.

- The planning for our K-8 Summer School and 9-12 Credit Recovery Programs continues. We have completed a staff interest survey, staff compensation plans are in place, and program details have been outlined. This week, Administrators will begin meeting with the staff members involved and will begin making more detailed plans. In the near future, we will begin inviting student participants.

Staff

- Melissa Fryske (School Psychologist) had a baby girl Isabella Fryske
- Connie Rose (Paddock Teacher) had a baby girl Audrey Rose

General

- It is not too late to register an incoming Young 5's or Kindergarten student for the 2021-2022 school year. Our hope is to have all Young 5's and Kindergarten students registered by **June 1st** as we are eagerly planning for a 5-day a week in-person return for all students in the fall. To register a Kindergarten or Young 5's student, please pick up a registration packet at the Paddock main office or print one off the Milan Area Schools Website. When your forms are complete, we ask that you drop them off at Paddock. If you need assistance please contact Mrs. Smith at 734-439-5100. The office is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM.
- As we continue to plan for a return to 5-days a week of in-person instruction for the 2021-2022 school year, the Administrative Team will be conducting building specific informational zoom sessions for families. These sessions will provide families with details about the 2021-2022 school year. Dates and times will be released soon.

Budget Update

- Superintendent Girbach sent the district's food service contract renewal paperwork to MDE for approval. Once we receive approval documents from MDE, the Board will be asked to approve the renewal of Chartwells contract. This renewal is for year 3 of a 5 year contract.

Communication

- The district currently has 1,040 Twitter followers. This is up 0 from the last meeting.
- The district currently has 2,383 Facebook followers. This is up 6 from the last meeting.

Assistant Superintendent's Comments:

- Assistant Superintendent McMahon updated the Board on the status of the currently open job postings.
- Assistant Superintendent McMahon shared an update on the Read by Grade Three Law.

Student Board Member Comments: None

Board Member Comments:

- Board Member Faro thanked the Milan staff for all of their efforts this year and stated that he plans on attending the Young Adult Education graduation ceremony on June 8, 2021.
- Board Member Frait plans on attending the Young Adult Education graduation and Adult Education Graduation ceremony and thanked Board Members Moccio and Kiger for the gifts of scented soap sent to the Paddock Staff.
- Board Member Kiger inquired about the summer food distribution plans and also thanked the food service staff for all they have done this school year.
- Board Member Heikka thanked the Milan Staff for all they do and in keeping our kids safe. She also thanked the students for staying motivated.
- Board Member Landingham thanked the Milan Staff for the success of the Hybrid Model of education.
- Board Member Cislo also shared his thanks to the staff of Milan Area Schools.

Public Comments:

Annie Kruse encouraged the Board to work toward meeting in person.

Time of Adjournment: 8:15 p.m.