

**MILAN AREA SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday May 23, 2023**

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 23, 2023.

Board Members Present: Cislo, Heikka, Faro, Rosen-Leacher, Gutierrez, Frait, Meray

Board Members Absent: None

Signed in Staff: Bryan Girbach, Ryan McMahon, Krist Hendrix, Yvette Kashmer, Jennifer Glushyn, Mckenzie Chappell, Nichole Kuenzel-McDaniel, Sarah Farmer, Jesse Hoskins, Melissa Fiederlein

Signed in Guests: Jill Tewsley, Rachel Hobbs, Jenni Bobicz, Ken Bobicz, Ken Bobicz, Jodi Overbeek, Shannan Dare Wayne, Andrea Bennink, Mike Angstadt, Alibeth Vandergrift, George Elder, Mary Hagley, Jon Burchwell, Kathleen Kuhn, Jennifer Waugh, Jason Waugh, Heather Johnson, Bob, Lalya, Addy Kuhn, James Farmer, Ethan Hagley, Charlie Kliber, Elliot Krohl, Garrett Ballinger, Landon Blackwell, Brennan Butler, Bailey Burchwell, Becca Dawson, Garin Brown, Danny Bobicz, Elise Angstadt, Mackie, Caden, Eric Rice, Jason, Chris Overbeek, Chad Strimple, Eowyn Johnson, Elliott Elias, Emma, Maya Faro, Avery Powell

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion by Frait supported by Rosen-Leacher to commend the 2022-2023 Milan Area Schools Robotic Teams and their coaches for all of their accomplishments this season.

All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Public Comment:

- Andrea Bennink discussed concerns related to student use of AI.
- Rachel Hobbs discussed declining enrollment, concerns with communication with community members without children in the district, meeting minutes, COVID dollars, and staffing impacts, and an alleged tax increase.
- Holli Vallade discussed issues with Jefferson school administrators, bullying, and her belief that her comments are misunderstood and/or twisted.

Motion by Faro supported by Meray to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 26, 2023.

All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Motion by Rosen-Leacher supported by Faro to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting closed session of April 26, 2023.

All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Motion by Gutierrez supported by Meray to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 27, 2023.

Carried 6-0 Abstention by Heikka

Motion by Faro supported by Gutierrez to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting closed session of April 27, 2023.
Carried 6-0 Abstention by Heikka

Motion by Faro supported by Heikka to approve the bills/reimbursement of expenses.
All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Motion by Rosen-Leacher supported by Gutierrez to approve the WISD Biennial Election Resolution as included in Attachment B.
All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Motion by Meray supported by Rosen-Leacher to approve the purchase and installation of a sound system at the track & field and football stadium as detailed in Attachment C.
Motion failed 4-3 No Votes by Faro, Frait, Heikka, Meray

Motion by Heikka supported by Faro to create an assigned fund balance for the purchase of the sound system for the football and track stadium, as detailed in Attachment C, with the understanding that we will spend up to that amount and we will reach out to our community and our booster clubs for support for the purchase.
Carried 6-1 No vote by Frait

Motion by Faro supported by Heikka to adopt the Resolution in support of the 2023-2024 WISD Budget as included in Attachment D1.
Carried 6-0 Abstention by Meray

The Board heard the First Reading of the 2022-2023 General Fund Budget Amendment as in Attachment E

The Board heard the First Reading of the 2022-2023 Debt Funds Budget Amendment as in Attachment F

The Board heard the First Reading of the 2022-2023 Food Service Budget Amendment as in Attachment G

The Board heard the First Reading of the 2022-2023 Student/School Activities Budget Amendment as in Attachment H

The Board heard the First Reading of the 2023-2024 General Fund Preliminary Budget as in Attachment I

The Board heard the First Reading of the 2023-2024 Debt Funds Preliminary Budget as in Attachment J

The Board heard the First Reading of the 2023-2024 Food Service Preliminary Budget as in Attachment K

The Board heard the First Reading of the 2023-2024 Student/School Activity Funds Preliminary Budget as in Attachment L

Andrea Bennink provided the Board an update on the work of the WISD PAC

Jesse Hoskins made a presentation to the Board from the MHS Climate and Culture Committee

Motion by Faro supported by Meray to approve the membership of the 2023-2024 Professional Development Advisory Committee as provided in Attachment M.

All Ayes. Carried 7 - 0

Motion by Heikka supported by Rosen-Leacher to authorize the Board President, Superintendent, or designee to sign all necessary documents to implement a transition to the Thrun Law Firm P.C. Policy Service as detailed in Attachment N.

All Ayes. Carried 7-0

The Board discussed chapters 11 and 12 of the book “Why Meadow Died”

Motion by Rosen-Leacher supported by Faro to appoint the following person to the teaching position listed and Base Salary listed effective June 12, 2023.

Marissa Hoffman - Milan High School Counselor (\$71,268)

All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Public Comments:

- Shannon Dare Wayne thanked the Board for their work and discussed the placement of various crooked trees throughout the community.

Student Board Member Comments:

- Faro congratulated various teams and individuals for recent athletic accomplishments. She also provided an update on upcoming events.
- Powell congratulated various athletic teams for their recent accomplishments. She also provided an update on upcoming events. She also discussed the use of AI.

Superintendent’s Comments were heard on the following topics:

- MHS Choir Accomplishments
- Symons Flapjack with Families Event
- Varsity Girls Soccer Accomplishments
- Success of MHS Prom
- South and West Washtenaw Consortium Student Awards
- Successful Band Concert
- MHS Girls Tennis Accomplishments
- All Spring Athletic Successes
- Passing of Anne Foor’s Mother
- Passing of Wendy Unger’s Sister
- Passing of Debbie Hosler’s Father
- Retirement of Kim Goffee
- Retirement of Kelley Smith
- Retirement of Holly Fiedler
- Resignation of Catalina Salas
- District Communications Committee Update
- DEI Team Update

- District Response to AI
- Response Regarding the Incorrect Public Comment Stating an Increase in Property Taxes
- Superintendent's Meeting with Local Legislatures

Assistant Superintendent Comments were heard on the following topics:

- Success of May 5th Staff Professional Development
- State Testing Update
- NWEA Testing Update
- Creating Educational Development Plans for All Students
- Curriculum Alignment Committee Update
- Administrator Attendance at the Future Learning Counsel Summit Regarding AI
- District Involvement on the Future Learning Counsel's AI Subcommittee

Board Member Comments:

- Rosen-Leacher discussed the quick proliferation of AI and thanked the administration for monitoring.
- Meray discussed the District's involvement in monitoring the proliferation of AI. She also thanked the teachers and staff for all of their hard work throughout the year.
- Frait discussed various athletic events and the accomplishments of Milan students, congratulated the FFA on their recent accomplishments, thanked the Board for the opportunity to present recent scholarships, and discussed the upcoming Adult Education Graduation.
- Faro discussed all of the great things happening in Milan, including athletic, band, and choir accomplishments, congratulated the upcoming seniors and wished them luck, and discussed scheduling of upcoming board meetings.
- Gutierrez thanked the community member and the administration for raising issues related to AI, highlighted community within the district, including Flapjacks with families at Symons and the band concert, and congratulated Annabelle Piat, a winner of the MEEMIC art and video contest demonstrating kindness.
- Heikka congratulated the Robotics Team for recent accomplishments, congratulated the upcoming graduates, thanked the theater staff for their hard work, wished athletes good luck in their upcoming events, read the "Mr. Watson's Chickens," a book referenced by a community member at the previous meeting, and clarified a community member's allegations related to increased taxes.
- Cislo also addressed alleged tax increases, congratulated the FFA, their greenhouse, and their accomplishments, thanked Mr. Hoskins and his team for the work on creating community, thanked those that gave the ultimate sacrifice to ensure our freedoms, thanked those that attended in-person and online, thanked the staff and students for their hard work, and wished everyone a happy holiday.

Time of Adjournment 10:07 p.m.