

**MILAN AREA SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
WORKSHOP MEETING
WEDNESDAY, May 26, 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 May 26, 2021.

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

Board Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Bryan Girbach, Ryan McMahon, Krista Hendrix, McKenzie Chappell, Wendy Unger, Jennifer Barker, Kristina Mahaney, Jessica Stafford, Jennifer Glushyn, Melissa Fiederlein, James Brousseau, Clare McFadden

Guests Present: Renee Humes, Holly B, Yo Gabba Gabba, Rachel Hobbs, Alison, 734-546-7828, 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

Landingham – Exeter Township, MI

Moccio – York Township, MI

Public Comments:

James Brousseau requested that an agenda item for the MEA be placed on the June 9th Board meeting agenda.

Motion by Faro supported by Landingham to appoint the following person to the teaching position listed and Base Salary listed effective for the 2021-2022 School Year.

* Samantha Amstutz – MMS Art (\$40,700)

All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Motion by Frait supported by Landingham to adopt the Resolution In support of the 2021-2022 WISD Budget as included in Attachment B4.

All Ayes. Carried 7-0

The Board received first readings on the 2020-2021 budget amendments and the 2021-2022 preliminary budgets.

- 2020-2021 General Fund Budget Amendment – Attachments C1 and C2
- 2020-2021 Debt Funds Budget Amendment – Attachment D
- 2020-2021 Food Service Budget Amendment – Attachment E
- 2020-2021 Student/School Activities Budget Amendment – Attachment F
- 2021-2022 General Fund Preliminary Budget – Attachments G1 and G2
- 2021-2022 Debt Funds Preliminary Budget – Attachment H
- 2021-2022 Food Service Preliminary Budget – Attachment I
- 2021-2022 Student/School Activity Funds Preliminary Budget – Attachment J

Motion by Frait supported by Faro to approve the WISD Biennial Election Resolution as included in Attachment K.

All Ayes. Carried 7-0

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 summer months using the current weekly ordering system. Breakfast and lunch will also be provided for free at school next 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 1 positive result 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.
- The weather was wonderful for the outside Adult Education graduation ceremony held last Thursday. Connie Cox did a great job with the ceremony. The music was performed by a band named "Know Obstacles". The band, that includes members with differing levels of disability, raises money to send students with special needs to summer camp! The ceremony was held under the Miller Street canopy of MMS. The Adult Education students upgraded the planter boxes and painted the supports of the canopy. It looks great! Stop by sometime and take a peek. Most importantly, we provided an education and a diploma to numerous students who needed an alternative path to success!
- The MHS band and choir had wonderful weather for their outdoor concert last Tuesday. The music was great and the students enjoyed being able to perform as one group again!

- The Milan High School girls tennis team will be playing in the state championship tournament on Friday June 4th and hopefully Saturday June 5th. This is the first MHS tennis team (girls or boys) to make it to the state championship tournament. Congratulations to the team and to coach Rodriguez!
- This year, the South and West Washtenaw Consortium Building Trades class began doing Habitat for Humanity projects instead of building brand new homes. The house involved this year was a complete gut and remodel. The garage was new construction. The students work on all aspects of the home (construction, plumbing, electrical, etc). The finished product is a wonderful home that will be provided to a family by Habitat for Humanity.

General

- On Tuesday, May 25th, the Washtenaw County Health Department provided vaccinations to 149 people at Milan High School. Another vaccination clinic will take place in the Milan High School cafeteria on June 15th from 3:00 to 5:00 PM. More details will be shared soon.
- Following recent CDC changes regarding facial coverings, clarification was provided to schools. This clarification included the recommendation that facial coverings continue to be worn by staff and students when inside school buildings. Governor Whitmer and MDHHS quickly followed up with similar recommendations. Milan Area Schools supports these recommendations, and masks will remain a requirement, while people are in school buildings and on school buses, for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year.
- Following recent MDHHS changes regarding gathering restrictions, the district has altered plans for guests at our outdoor activities and ceremonies. In addition to gathering size restrictions being lifted, facial coverings and social distancing are now encouraged for our participants and guests at outside events; but, they are no longer required and will not be enforced.
- The Washtenaw County Health Department released new close contact quarantining rules. Milan Area Schools will now be implementing 10 day quarantines for close contacts. For quarantine purposes, close contacts are now considered with less than 3 feet of distance for 15 or more minutes. Under the hybrid model, this should eliminate any need for quarantining because of classroom contact.
- 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 the District continues 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 details about the

2021-2022 school year. The elementary and middle school sessions were conducted earlier this week. Recordings of the Zoom sessions and the presentation slides are available at milanareaschools.org in the “Current Topics” section. The high school session is scheduled for Tuesday, June 1st at 5:00 PM. Details can be found at milanareaschools.org in the “Current Topics” section.

Communication

- The district currently has 1,037 Twitter followers. This is down 3 from the last meeting.
- The district currently has 2,387 Facebook followers. This is up 4 from the last meeting.

Assistant Superintendent’s Comments:

- Assistant Superintendent McMahon updated the Board on recent internal appointments. Molly Jeppesen was named to the Elementary STEM position and the Elementary Mathematics Interventionist positions were filled by Jennifer Smith at Symons and Hayley Muir at Paddock. Also at Paddock, Holly Bella was named to the Reading Interventionist position. These recent moves have created some vacancies, which will be addressed by the administration within the staffing adjustment process for next school year.
- Assistant Superintendent McMahon shared with the Board an update on the Read by Grade Three Law. Based upon the recent M-STEP results, nine students were identified by MDE for consideration of retention. Mrs. Bookout has placed individual phone calls and mailed home letters to the students that were identified. The letters included a form to initiate the Good Cause Exemption process.
- Assistant Superintendent McMahon updated the Board on Summer School plans. In grades K-8, the program will focus on building core academic skills in mathematics and literacy through targeted instruction personalized to student needs. The program will be held on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9:00a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for each of eight weeks starting on June 28th. There is currently one teacher and one paraprofessional that will conduct one section of approximately 15 students at each grade level. The buildings are in the process of creating the class lists through invitation.
- The high school program will be run in two sections over the course of eight weeks and will focus on credit recovery for students that need to make-up courses in which they were previously unsuccessful.

Student Board Member Comments: None

Board Member Comments:

- Board Member Cislo started by sharing comments about Memorial Day and the contribution of our veterans. He then reminded the Board about the deadline for email authentication, that there is still time to participate in the “Better Together” 5K, and the

FFA greenhouse is still open for business. Cislo also congratulated Connie Cox and a nice Adult Education Graduation and a shout out to the students that participated in the Middle School landscaping job. Cislo gave Kudos to senior class advisors Jennifer Glushyn and McKenzie Chappell on the Senior Celebration Night. It was a great success and both advisors worked hard to put it together for our students. Cislo thanked Superintendent Girbach for representing Milan Area Schools at the WISD Legislative Breakfast. Cislo told the Board Members he will be calling them regarding Graduation assignments. Cislo updated the Board on working towards being able to meet in person for the next Board Meeting. Reminded the Board that the June 6, 2021 Board Meeting will begin at 6:45 pm. for the Budget Hearing prior to the regular meeting.

- Board Member Landingham announced that Aid in Milan will begin their summer student food bag program. She recommended that people visit the Aid in Milan website or facebook page for more information. She also shared that Aid in Milan is looking for a new Executive Director. If anyone is interested please visit the Aid in Milan website or facebook page for more information. Landingham attended the Middle School Informational Session and felt that it was well done by the administration.
- Board Member Frait mentioned that COVID Vaccination Clinic went very well as did the food pickup program with a special thanks to the Food Service Workers for a job well done. Frait thanked Board Members Faro and Cislo as well as Superintendent Girbach for attending the Adult Education Graduation and was thankful to Connie Cox for a job well done. Frait offered congratulations to Coach Rodriguez and the Tennis Team for making it to state finals. She thanked the South and West Washtenaw County Consortium and their work with Habitat for Humanity and the rebuilding of a home in Ypsilanti MI. Frait stated she was a part of the zoom meetings and shared that the information was well received. Frait thanked Wendy Unger for creating and sharing a slideshow created by the K-5 students in honor of our graduating seniors. Frait wished our veterans a Happy Memorial Day and thanked them for our service. She also thanked Jennifer Glushyn and McKenzie Chappell for the efforts that went into creating the Senior Celebration.
- Board Member Moccio wished the best to our students, families, and staff during this summer of rejuvenation.
- Board Member Faro attended the Adult Graduation ceremony and was impressed by the students' accomplishments and was impressed by Connie Cox and her work. Faro asked the community to pause and remember what Memorial Day was all about.

Public Comments:

Rachel Hobbs shared her thoughts regarding in person learning and surveys sent out to community members.

Time of Adjournment: 8:32 p.m.