

**MILAN AREA SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
WORKSHOP MEETING
WEDNESDAY, June 23, 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 June 23, 2021.

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

Board Members Absent: Landingham

Staff Present: Bryan Girbach, Ryan McMahon, Lon Smith

Guests Present: Annie Kruse, Rachel Hobbs, Alecia Powell

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comments:

Rachel Hobbs commented on COVID Testing of students.

Alecia Powell commented on Board Meeting minutes and documents.

Annie Kruse commented on Board Meeting documents being posted and MDHHS COVID testing recommendations for students.

Motion by Heikka supported by Frait to remove the minutes of the regular meeting of June 9, 2021, from the consent agenda. All Ayes. Carried 6-0

Motion by Faro supported by Frait to approve the consent agenda that includes the minutes of the budget hearing of June 9, 2021. All Ayes. Carried 6-0

Motion by Heikka supported by Faro to appoint the following person to the administrative position listed and Base Salary listed effective July 1, 2021.

* Kimberly Jasper – Milan Middle School Principal (\$90,500)

All Ayes. Carried 6-0

Motion by Faro supported by Moccio to appoint the following people to the teaching positions listed and Base Salaries listed effective for the 2021-2022 school year.

* Ava Wilkosz – Symons Teacher Consultant (\$40,000)

* Christopher Brooks - Elementary Music (\$52,500)

All Ayes. Carried 6-0

Motion by Faro supported by Frait to approve the 2021-2022 Board Meeting Calendar as presented in Attachment A. All Ayes. Carried 6-0

The Board discussed their Board Goal Development plan.

Motion by Heikka supported by Faro to create an ad hoc Communications Committee. All Ayes. Carried 6-0

Superintendent's Comments:

Students

- The district wants to remind our students and families that, throughout the summer, meals continue to be provided for free to all children under the age of 18. 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 GSA "Pride Picnic in the Park" held on June 10th in Wilson Park was very well attended by staff and students. We thank the organizers and attendees of the event for making it a huge success.

Staff

- The district has posted the position of Milan Middle School Assistant Principal. The posting is available on our website, and the M's websites (MASA, MASSP, MASB, and MEMSPA). The position was also posted on the National Alliance of Black School Educators Career Center site.
- Mallory Sharpe, on behalf of the Ford Motor Company Fund, informed me that a parent nominated Paddock Elementary 2nd grade teacher Holly Bella and Paddock Principal Sean Desarbo for the Ford Fund Salute to Educators contest that was run through WDIV. Both nominees were selected as winners.

General

- Earlier this week, Gov. Whitmer announced that the state lifted the remaining COVID restrictions nine days earlier than previous orders implied. **Starting June 22, indoor capacity limits and mask requirements were dissolved.** Some limitations will still be in place for specific spaces like long-term facilities. Testing and reporting will also be required for the purposes of identifying areas of community spread. **The governor's announcement indicated that additional guidance will be released for schools this week; however, we are now being told that it may not be available until next week.**
- The vaccination clinic held at Milan High School on Tuesday, June 15, 2021 went very well. Thank you to all of our volunteers at the 3 clinics held at MHS!
- The Big Red Bundle program is back again. This school year has just ended but preparations for next year are already underway. These bundles will be filled with the most important school supplies as prioritized by the staff of each building. In order to limit the need for shared materials in the 2021-2022 school year, it is highly recommended that every student have their own supplies. While the goal of the Big Red Bundle program is to provide every student with a bundle, it will operate on a reservation based

system. Reservations will be collected earlier this year to allow more time for fundraising and organization of the program. The link to create a reservation for your student(s) can be found at milanareaschools.org. Information regarding methods to make donations will be posted at milanareaschools.org very soon.

Communication

- The district currently has 1,033 Twitter followers. This is down 4 from the last meeting.
- The district currently has 2,398 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 Read by Grade Three Law. Ten 3rd Grade students received retention letters from MDE. All ten of the students submitted Good Cause Exemptions, all of which were granted by Superintendent Girbach.
- Assistant Superintendent McMahon updated the Board on Summer School plans. Students in Grades K-8 will begin the 8-week summer school program this upcoming Tuesday, June 29. Transportation, food services, and classrooms are all ready to go. Dan Adams, serving as the Coordinator of Summer School, has been busy since the last day of school working with the building principals and teachers to organize curriculum, instructional plans, and last minute logistics.

Student Board Member Comments: None

Board Member Comments:

- Board Member Heikka commented on the Big Rd Bundle fundraising. She also thanked Superintendent Girbach for information on COVID testing and his comments about not using operating money for COVID testing.
- Board Member Frait asked questions about food delivery during the summer.

Public Comments:

Rachel Hobbs asked questions regarding public comments and the purpose of the Board's communication committee. She also commented about funds for COVID testing of students.

Annie Krusise thanked Superintendent Girbach for his COVID testing comments and COVID testing funding comments.

Motion by Faro supported by Heikka to enter into closed session as allowed by the Open Meetings Act for Negotiation Strategies. All Ayes. Carried 6-0

Time entered closed session 7:44 p.m..

Time returned to open session 10:21 p.m.

Time of Adjournment: 10:21 p.m.