

**MILAN AREA SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, June 7, 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 June 7, 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, Tammy Zajac, Holly Fiedler, Kelley Smith

Signed in Guests: Maya Faro, Avery Powell, Gary Taepke, Rachel Hobbs, Rob Zimmerman, Bridget Siniankov, Jennifer Bolanos, Linda Totoh, Michael Smith, Cynthia Lockman, Isabel Smith, Gary Zajac, Sarah Zajac, Rachel Fiedler, Joel Fiedler, Mike Angstadt, Melissa Brown

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion by Frait supported by Meray to thank Tammy Zajac, Kelley Smith, Holly Fiedler, Kim Goffee, Blue Livingston, and Joy Smith for their service to Milan Area Schools.
All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Motion by Faro supported by Rosen-Leacher to thank Maya Faro and Avery Powell for their service as School Board Student Representatives. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Public Comment:

- Rachel Hobbs sought information relative to other districts that may be considering laying off teachers. She expressed concern about the budget, the shift in school hours at the high school, and her belief that administrative salaries should be cut.

Motion by Gutierrez supported by Meray to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 23, 2023. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

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

Motion by Heikka supported by Rosen Leacher to approve the 2023-2024 MHSAA Membership Resolution as included in Attachment B. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

The Board heard the First Reading of the 2023-2024 Board Meeting Dates as included in Attachment C.

Motion by Faro supported by Gutierrez to approve the 2022-2023 General Fund Budget Amendment as presented in Attachment D. Carried 6-1 No vote by Frait

Motion by Heikka supported by Faro to approve the 2022-2023 Debt Funds Budget Amendment as presented in Attachment E. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Motion by Heikka supported by Rosen-Leacher to approve the 2022-2023 Food Service Budget Amendment as presented in Attachment F. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Motion by Gutierrez supported by Meray to approve the 2022-2023 Student/School Activities Budget Amendment as presented in Attachment G. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Motion by Faro supported by Rosen-Leacher to approve the 2023-2024 General Fund Preliminary Budget as presented in Attachment H. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Motion by Faro supported by Heikka to approve the 2023-2024 Debt Funds Preliminary Budget as presented in Attachment I. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Motion by Gutierrez supported by Meray to approve the 2023-2024 Food Service Preliminary Budget as presented in Attachment J. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Motion by Heikka supported by Meray to approve the 2023-2024 Student/School Activity Funds Preliminary Budget as presented in Attachment K. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Motion by Faro supported by Rosen-Leacher to approve the 2023-2024 General Appropriations Act as presented in Attachment L. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Motion by Faro supported by Rosen-Leacher to authorize borrowing up to \$1,500,000 against anticipated state aid for the 2023-2024 fiscal year as specified in the borrowing resolution included as Attachment M. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

The Board discussed chapters thirteen and fourteen of the book “Why Meadow Died”

Motion by Faro supported by Rosen-Leacher to appoint Daniel Douglas to the position of Theater manager at a base salary of \$42,000 effective immediately. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Public Comments: None

Student Board Member Comments:

- Faro congratulated Malea Wourman on her all-state track honors. She also congratulated the Spring sports for their successful seasons, announced a soccer meeting, and discussed the Grill Out Chill Out.
- Powell congratulated Malea Wourman on her all-state track honors. She also congratulated the Spring sports for successful seasons. She discussed the Grill Out Chill Out hosted by the Student Council, upcoming final exams, and the Middle School Color Run. She also expressed concern over a light in the parking lot that continues to blink.

Superintendent’s Comments were heard on the following topics:

- Girls Varsity Soccer Team
- Girls Varsity Softball Team
- Boys Varsity Baseball Team

- Young Adult Graduation Ceremony
- Pre-School and GSRP Graduation Ceremony
- Symons Field Day
- MHS Senior Honors Night
- 6-12 Grade Choir Concert
- Adult Education Graduation
- WIHIO Graduation
- District Communications Committee
- MHS Grill and Chill
- Passing of Enchantra Ritenour's Mother
- Retirement of Tammy Zajac
- Resignation of Kaitlyn Erehart
- Professional Development Advisory Committee
- Breakfast/Lunch Prices
- MHS 6 Period Day

Assistant Superintendent Comments were heard on the following topics:

- June 2023 Benchmark Assessment and Building Goal Update
- Future of Learning Counsel Professional Development
- Future of Learning Counsel Task Force
- WIHI Graduation
- Staff Thank You for Responding to the Needs of the Students

Board Member Comments:

- The Board discussed the proposed dates for the Big Red Chats. President Cislo presented the MASB Board Member Awards.
- Faro discussed his family's decision to move to Milan from another District, and his confidence in the Superintendent and the Board's steps to hold him accountable. He also discussed the success of the Girls Soccer team. He announced upcoming events. Finally, he thanked the teachers, paraprofessionals, staff, and students for a successful year.
- Heikka thanked the administration, teachers, and staff for a successful graduation and Paddock walk through. She congratulated the Spring sports teams on their successful seasons. She also discussed the increase in test scores throughout the District. She also thanked the retirees for their service and dedication to the most vulnerable of our students.
- Gutierrez discussed contagious excitement at graduation, her attendance at other graduations held around the District, and the appropriate sense of pride. She wished the students good luck on their final exams. She discussed various end of year events within the District. She also discussed the District's increased test scores and expressed gratitude for District staff. Lastly, she wished everyone a relaxing summer.
- Meray discussed our community and school partnerships. She also discussed the Amazing Shake and the Color Run at the Middle School and all the community help in holding these events. She also announced the upcoming GSA Pride Picnic.
- Frait thanked the Board for inviting retirees to the meeting. She expressed her hope that the remaining school days go smoothly and the power of watching the graduates walk across the stage. She thanked the parent groups for all of their support. She discussed awards earned by several bi-lingual students at Honors Night. She also wished everyone a peaceful and restful summer.

- Rosen-Leacher reminded 8th grade parents their students will receive a paper schedule on Friday. She also discussed the joyous graduation and her pride that all the students gave a good firm handshake and that each of the graduates cheered for one another. She congratulated the retirees and thanked Ms. Kashmer for her service.
- Cislo thanked Board members for the time and effort they put into their position. He thanked the Student Board Representatives for their service. Thanked everyone in the District, including lunch staff and bus drivers, for their contribution to the District's increased test scores. He echoed other Board members' comments on graduation and his and other's pride in being a Big Red. He also wished everyone a great summer.

Time of Adjournment 9:18 p.m.