

**MILAN AREA SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, July 10, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Milan Area Schools Board of Education was called to order in the Milan Area Schools District Boardroom located at 100 Big Red Drive, Milan MI, 48160, by President Cislo at 7:00 p.m. on July 10, 2024.

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

Board Members Absent: None

Signed in Staff: Bryan Girbach, Ryan McMahon, Krista Hendrix, Margaret Durkee

Signed in Guests: Scott Morrell

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment: None

Motion by Gutierrez supported by Prior to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 26, 2024. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Motion by Prior supported by Gutierrez to approve the minutes of the regular meeting closed session of June 26, 2024. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

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

The Board talked through their Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB) Board Self Assessment with Scott Morrell from MASB.

Motion by Faro supported by Rosen-Leacher to adopt the following resolutions:

B. To name JP Morgan Chase/Chase Bank, Fifth Third Bank, US Bank, Michigan School District Liquid Asset Fund, Bank of NY Mellon, First Merchants Bank, and MBIA Michigan Class as depositories for General Fund, Payroll, Debt Retirement, Trust and Agency, Food Service, Athletic, and Internal Accounts for district moneys for the 2024-2025 fiscal year and that the following staff members' signatures be attached to the respective accounts as listed:

- General Fund, Payroll & Invoice, Debt Retirement, Food Service, Trust and Agency, Athletics – Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, and Finance Director
- High School – MHS Principal, MHS Assistant Principal, and Superintendent
- Middle School – MMS Principal, MMS Assistant Principal, and Superintendent
- Symons Elementary – Symons Principal, Finance Director, and Superintendent
- Paddock Elementary School – Paddock Principal, Finance Director, and Superintendent

Be it further moved that the superintendent or designee is authorized to transfer funds from savings to checking and checking to savings and is authorized to buy time savings certificates and invest district monies in accordance with state and/or federal law and Board Policy.

- C. To designate the Superintendent or designee to post notices of meetings.
- D. That the law firm of Thrun Law Firm, P.C., be retained as the district's legal counsel for the 2024-2025 fiscal year. Further moved that the Superintendent is authorized to extend the retainer relationship with Thrun Law Firm, P.C. for one year upon its anniversary date. Further moved that other legal counsel may be retained for specific purposes, as needed.
- E. To approve the appointments listed below:
 - Voting Delegates to MASB Gutierrez and Rosen-Leacher.
 - Alternate voting Delegates to MASB Meray and Cislo.

All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Motion by Faro supported by Meray to approve the Site Sinking Fund Millage Ballot Proposal as provided in Attachment A. Further to authorize the Superintendent or designee to complete and file all of the necessary documents as required by the resolution. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Motion by Faro supported by Gutierrez to approve the Annual Loan Activity Application Resolution to repay the School Loan Revolving Fund as provided in Attachment B. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Motion by Rosen-Leacher supported by Prior to approve Julianna Naccarato as an elementary teacher, Alexandra Bourdeau as an elementary teacher, Jackson Hawkins as a middle school social studies teacher, and Noah Lopez as the MS/HS band teacher effective for the 2024-2025 school year. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Public Comments: None

Assistant Superintendent's Comments were heard on the following topics:

- Benchmark Achievement Goals Update
- 35j Grant Update (Literacy Instruction)

Superintendent's Comments were heard on the following topics:

- 2024-2025 School Calendar Released
- Reimaging MAS: 2024-2025 and Beyond
 - Building Configuration
 - Paddock and Symons Start Times
- Site Sinking Fund Next Steps

Board Member Comments:

- Faro provided a financial update.
- Gutierrez reminded the community of upcoming open houses and confirmed that staff would attend. She also stressed the importance of open houses with grades shifting to new schools in the fall.
- Meray apologized for her absence at the last meeting. She expressed gratitude for the finalization of the sinking fund language. She also stated that she looked forward to

upcoming goal setting sessions in light of our recent Board Self-Evaluation She also thanked Mr. McMahon for organizing upcoming paid PD for teachers.

Motion by Heikka supported by Prior to enter into closed session pursuant to Section 8(1)(c) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act for Negotiation Strategies. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Time entered closed session 8:32 p.m.

Time returned to open session 10:36 p.m.

Time of Adjournment 10:36 p.m.