

**MILAN AREA SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
Wednesday, July 12, 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 July 12, 2023.

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

Board Members Absent: Frait

Signed in Staff: Bryan Girbach, Ryan McMahon, Yvette Kashmer, Daniel Douglas

Signed in Guests: None

Pledge of Allegiance

A moment of silence was held for Skylar Schindel and her family

Motion by Cislo supported by Faro to add agenda item VI.C.2 Athletic Director Compensation. All Ayes. Carried 6-0

Public Comment: None

Motion by Rosen-Leacher supported by Gutierrez to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 28, 2023. Carried 5-0 Abstention by Meray

Motion by Faro supported by Rosen-Leacher to approve the minutes of the regular meeting closed session of June 28, 2023. Carried 5-0 Abstention by Meray

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

Motion by Heikka supported by Meray to adopt the following resolutions:

- A. 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 2023-2024 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.

- B. To designate the Superintendent or designee to post notices of meetings.
- C. That the law firm of Thrun Law Firm, P.C., be retained as the district's legal counsel for the 2023-2024 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.
- D. To approve the appointments listed below:
  - Voting Delegates to MASB Cislo.
  - Alternate voting Delegates to MASB Rosen-Leacher

All Ayes. Carried 6-0

The Board discussed logistics of future Board Meeting.

Motion by Faro supported by Heikka to approve the Annual Loan Activity Application Resolution for borrowing from the School Loan Revolving Fund as presented in Attachment A.  
All Ayes. Carried 6-0

The Board heard and discussed the update of the Score Card by Superintendent Girbach, as in Attachment B

Motion by Rosen-Leacher supported by Gutierrez to appoint the following person to the teaching position listed and Base Salary listed effective immediately for the 2023-2024 school year.

- Kyle McIntoch - Milan Middle School Social Worker (\$52,448)

All Ayes. Carried 6-0

Motion by Faro supported by Gutierrez to approve the Athletic Director's 2023-2024 compensation of \$85,600.

All Ayes. Carried 6-0

Public Comments: None

Student Board Member Comments: None

Assistant Superintendent's Comments were heard on the following topics: None

Superintendent's Comments were heard on the following topics:

- Death of a Student
- Upcoming MISEC Energy Resolution
- Furniture Donation to WAVE
- District Communications Committee Update
- State Budget Update

#### Board Member Comments:

- Faro clarified his earlier comments related to meetings in the Boardroom. He gave a summary of the State budget for k12 education. He provided context related to the timing of federal and state payments to the schools. He also discussed the upcoming audit of the financial statements.
- Rosen-Leacher announced that the Big Red Board Chat schedule was posted on the City calendar. She discussed the State budget and federal initiatives to fund those seeking to become teachers.
- Gutierrez expressed her deep condolences to the Schindel family. She also noted the upcoming Open House dates and urged the district to push those dates out to the community as soon as possible.
- Heikka requested that the Board continue to discuss hiring additional teachers to maintain class sizes. Providing information to the community defining Social Emotional Learning and 21st Century skills. She discussed the free lunch program and how it impacts lunch balances.
- Cislo discussed upcoming Big Red Board Chats. He expressed appreciation for the Scorecard discussion and thanked everyone for their work in meeting our goals this past year. He also announced that the next Board Meeting would be held in the Boardroom not the auditorium.

Time of Adjournment 9:57 p.m.