

**MILAN AREA SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, July 14, 2021**

The regular meeting of the Milan Area Schools Board of Education was called to order by President Cislo at 7:00 p.m. on July 14, 2021.

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

**Board Members Absent:** Frait

**Staff Present:** Bryan Girbach, Ryan McMahon, Yvette Kashmer

**Guests Present:** Rachel Hobbs, Elaine Schmidt

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Public Comments:** None

Motion by Faro supported by Kiger to approve the consent agenda that includes the minutes of the regular meeting of June 9, 2021, the minutes of the workshop meeting of June 23, 2021, and the approval of payment of bills/reimbursement of expenses. All Ayes. Carried 6-0

Motion by Landingham supported by Kiger to adopt the following resolutions:

A. To name JP Morgan Chase/Chase Bank, United Bank and Trust, 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 2021-2022 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 2021-2022 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:

1. Voting Delegates to MASB: Kiger and Moccio

2. Alternate voting Delegates to MASB: Cislo and Landingham

All Ayes. Carried 6-0

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

The Board discussed their Board Goal Development plan.

**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.
- Kindergarten through Eighth Grade Summer School is going very well. We are glad to have approximately 125 students attending. A big thank you to Dan Adams for being a great Coordinator for the program!
- The Milan High School Credit Recovery program is going well. Students who did not pass courses during 2020-2021 are able to recover some credit towards graduation.

**Staff**

- The District had 89 applicants for the position of Middle School Assistant Principal. The Principal and 10 middle school staff members reviewed the applicants' paperwork and selected 14 candidates to move forward. Those 14 candidates were asked to turn in a 3 minute video. The Principal and 8 middle school staff members reviewed the videos and made final selections for first round interviews. The Principal, Assistant Superintendent, and 6 middle school staff members will be conducting 5 first round interviews tomorrow. The Principal, Director of Student Services, Another Principal, and the Superintendent will then conduct the second round interviews. Thorough reference checks will also be completed. The District looks forward to bringing a recommendation to the Board once the process is complete.

**General**

- The Big Red Bundle program is back again for next year. Information regarding methods to make donations to the program are available in the "Current Topics" section of milanareaschools.org.

**Budget Update**

- Michigan Governor, Gretchen Whitmer, signed a historic \$17.1 billion school aid fund budget Tuesday. The budget is regarded as significant because it closes the K-12 per-pupil gap among some school districts in Michigan. Setting the per-pupil funding in the state to \$8,700 for every student. Though the gap had been narrowing each year since Proposal A passed in 1994, some districts were still receiving \$418 less per pupil. This budget is historic for Milan Area Schools and all of the other districts that were not receiving equal funding for students!

**Communication**

- The district currently has 1,034 Twitter followers. This is up 1 from the last meeting.
- The district currently has 2,413 Facebook followers. This is up 15 from the last meeting.

**Assistant Superintendent's Comments:** None

**Student Board Member Comments:** None

**Board Member Comments:**

- Board Member Heikka discussed the funding level of "Hold Harmless" districts.

**Public Comments:**

- Rachel Hobbs asked to receive a copy of the Board's Score Card.

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

Time entered closed session 7:35 p.m.

Time returned to open session 9:35 p.m.

**Time of Adjournment:** 9:35 p.m.

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Kerri Moccio, Secretary