

MILAN AREA SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, August 10, 2022

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 August 10, 2022.

Board Members Present: Cislo, Kiger, Faro, Frait, Rosen-Leacher, Heikka (7:02 pm)

Board Members Absent: Moccio

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

Signed in Guests: Yo Gabba Gabba, Alibeth Vandergrift, Jennifer Steben, Rachel Hobbs, Alecia Powell, Janet McFall, Jennifer Bolanos, Holli Vallade, Ashley St. Clair

Pledge of Allegiance

President Cislo led the Board in a discussion about Board Committees
Heikka supported President Cislo's suggestion of aligning Board Committees with the Strategic Plan. She also reminded the Board that the alignment would require an amendment of the Board Operating Procedures.

Frait supported President Cislo's suggestion of aligning Board Committees with the Strategic Plan.

Kiger suggested that Board Committee roles and responsibilities also be defined.

Public Comment:

- Rachel Hobbs commented on the meeting minutes, K12 Insight Survey results, school safety, increased test scores, teacher preparation, and ways to help teachers do better.
- Jennifer Steben congratulated Betty Rosen-Leacher on her appointment to the Board.
- Holli Vallade commented on books she believes should not be in Milan Area Schools libraries.
- Janet McFall commented on school safety and books she believes should not be Milan Area School libraries.

Motion by Faro supported by Kiger to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting of July 20, 2022. All Ayes. Carried 6-0

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

President Cislo provided the Board with a Communications Committee update

President Cislo discussed Big Red Board Chats with the Board and Board Members offered potential topics for discussion at said Big Red Board Chats

Public Comments

- Rachel Hobbs commented on school safety and Big Red Board Chats.
- Ashley St. Clair updated the community on programs offered by Community Parks and Recreation.

Superintendent's Comments were heard on the following topics:

- New and returning student registration
- Free/Reduced lunch program
- Free Preschool (GSRP)
- Resignation of Middle School Assistant Principal
- Birth of McKenzie Chappell's (MHS teacher) daughter
- Superintendent's attendance at MDE job fair
- Delivery of information to board candidates
- Information about the official Board Packet retention
- K-12 Insight survey dissemination process
- School safety

Assistant Superintendent Comments were heard on the following topics:

- 31a and 41 program report updates
- Title I, Consolidated Application, and Title III application updates
- Administrative professional development on Making Thinking Visible

Board Member Comments:

- Board Member Faro provided a finance update and discussed limitations on the use of ESSR III funds, the projected fund balance at the end of the year, and detailed staff raises provided in the latest contract.
- Board Member Rosen-Leacher thanked everyone for their welcome messages and administrators for meeting with her.
- Board Member Kiger discussed presenting the Strategic Plan to the local Boy Scout Troop.
- Board Member Cislo discussed identifying topics for discussion at upcoming Big Red Board Chats and reminded community members that non-topic questions were also welcomed.
- Board Member Frait discussed school safety, welcomed Board Member Rosen-Leacher, and wished everyone a good school year.
- Board Member Heikka discussed books challenged in previous meetings.

Time of Adjournment 7:56 p.m.