

**MILAN AREA SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, August 14, 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 August 14, 2024.

Board Members Present: Cislo, Heikka, Meray, Rosen-Leacher, Gutierrez, Prior, Faro (7:01)

Board Members Absent: None

Signed in Staff: Bryan Girbach, Margaret Durkee

Signed in Guests: None

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment: None

Motion by Meray supported by Gutierrez to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of July 31, 2024. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Motion by Rosen-Leacher supported by Prior to approve the minutes of the regular meeting closed session of July 31, 2024. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

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

Motion by Faro supported by Prior to approve un-designating the Harkness Estate designated Fund Balance of \$50,000, thus releasing the funds into the General Fund. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Motion by Rosen-Leacher supported by Meray to adopt all policies, policy revisions, and policy rescissions as described in Attachment A and to further suspend the second-reading requirement for these policy adoptions, policy revisions, and policy rescissions. The Board finds that, consistent with Bylaw 0131.1, recent changes to Federal law creates a “compelling reason” to suspend the second-reading requirement and to otherwise adopt, revise, or rescind the policies as described in Attachment A. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Motion by Prior supported by Gutierrez to approve Jamie Bleiler as a HS counselor effective for the 2024-2025 school year. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Motion by Faro supported by Heikka that the Board of Education continue to cap contributions for employee health-insurance costs at no more than the annual hard-cap rates determined by the Michigan Department of Treasury pursuant to Section 3 of the Michigan Publicly Funded Health Insurance Contributions Act and that no individual contract or collective bargaining agreement

may be authorized that would require the Board to contribute more toward employee health insurance costs than the statutory hard-cap amounts. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Public Comments: None

Superintendent Comments were heard on the following topics:

- 2024-2025 School Calendar
- 2024-2025 School Open Houses
- Michigan School Meals Program
- Reimagine MAS: 2024-2025 and Beyond
- Site Sinking Fund

Board Member Comments:

- Faro thanks Mr. Cislo, Mr. Girbach, and Scott Morrell (from MASB) for coordinating the Superintendent Evaluation training session on August 10, 2024. He also thanked Robert Hull, MAS Athletic Director, for his years of service to the district and wished him well.
- Prior reminded the community that many district activities including athletics have started. She also discussed several fundraisers currently in progress. Prior then welcomed everyone back to the new school year.
- Gutierrez reminded the community about the building open houses. She also wished all of the students and staff a wonderful 2024-2025 school year. She thanked everyone for their dedication to the Reimagine Milan: 2024-2025 and Beyond initiative.
- Meray thanked everyone for their dedication to the Reimagine Milan: 2024-2025 and Beyond initiative. Specifically she thanked the administration, custodial staff, and all of the staff who had to relocate their classrooms and work spaces. She also thanked the Mr. Girbach and the members of the District Communication Committee for their continued efforts.

Motion by Heikka supported by Gutierrez 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 7:25 p.m.

Time returned to open session 8:58 p.m.

Time of Adjournment 8:58 p.m.