

**MILAN AREA SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, August 23, 2023**

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 23, 2023.

Board Members Present: Cislo, Heikka, Faro, Rosen-Leacher, Frait, Gutierrez, Meray (7:11 p.m.)

Board Members Absent: None

Signed in Staff: Bryan Girbach, Ryan McMahon, Daniel Douglas, Kristina Mahaney

Signed in Guests: Debbie Allen, Steve Frait, Beth Vandergrift

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comments:

- Debbie Allen spoke in favor of the Integrated Math class and discussed communication regarding the same.

Motion by Rosen-Leacher supported by Faro to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of August 9, 2023. Carried 5-0 Abstention by Gutierrez

Motion by Faro supported by Gutierrez to approve the minutes of the special meeting of August 14, 2023. All Ayes. Carried 6-0

Motion by Rosen-Leacher supported by Gutierrez to approve the minutes of the special meeting closed session of August 14, 2023. All Ayes. Carried 6-0

Motion by Frait supported by Faro to approve the appointments listed below:

- Voting Delegates to MASB Rosen-Leacher, Cislo.
- Alternate Voting Delegates to MASB Gutierrez, Frait

All Ayes. Carried 6-0.

Motion by Faro supported by Rosen-Leacher to approve the City of Milan Fuel Purchase Agreement as included in Attachment A. All Ayes. Carried 6-0

Motion by Faro supported by Rosen-Leacher to rescind the offering of Integrated Math as directed at the last meeting. Carried 6-1 No vote by Frait

Motion by Heikka supported by Meray to appoint the following people to the teaching positions listed and Base Salaries listed effective immediately for the 2023-2024 school year.

- Bryna Johnson - Milan High School Teacher Consultant (\$71,268)

- Taylor Howard - Symons Social Worker (\$47,500)
- Christina Matrosic - Symons Fourth Grade Teacher (\$52,259)

All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Public Comments:

- Debbie Allen expressed gratitude for receiving clarification and that major changes to course offerings should be communicated to the community. She also sought further clarification on issues related to graduation requirements.

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

- Grant Update
- Robotics Funding Update
- Congratulations to Administrative Team on Summer Planning Efforts

Superintendent's Comments were heard on the following topics:

- Michigan School Meals Program
- First Day of School: August 28th
- Washtenaw Educational options Consortium Update
- Opening Professional Development
- Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Air Purifier Program for Classrooms
- Building/Program Open Houses

Board Member Comments:

- Cislo announced that standardized testing would be discussed at the next Big Red Board chat, including when and how data is used. He thanked the community for their attendance, whether online or in person. He announced that he attended opening Professional Development and welcomed everyone back on behalf of the Board and discussed staff enthusiasm toward serving our students.
- Meray recognized the custodial staff for their hard work in getting the buildings ready for the students' return. She also welcomed our new staff members.
- Faro welcomed everyone back to school. He also thanked the administration, expressed his continued support for the administration, and expressed an eagerness to work together to reach the District's goals. He also provided a finance update. He also questioned upcoming school of choice numbers and apologized for not attending the MASB conference in November.
- Rosen-Leacher thanked the administration for their hard work and recognized an excitement for the new school year. She also thanked the math department for clarification on the Integrated Math class. She also thanked fellow Board Members for recent hard discussions.
- Gutierrez thanked the entire school team for their hard work and expressed how much she valued each of them and apologized if recent discussion/decisions fractured relationships or caused anyone to doubt her support. Expressed that communication is the key to avoiding situations like the Board addressed with the Integrated Math and Academic Literacy classes. She wished students a great new year and recognized an enthusiasm around the District. She announced that she could not make the entirety of the MASB conference and thanked the District for the new air purifiers.

- Heikka thanked the administration and staff for their hard work and expressed continued support despite recent disagreements related to the Integrated Math and Academic Literacy classes. She welcomed back all the staff and students.
- Frait thanked the teachers for providing clarification related to the Integrated Math class. She expressed happiness related to successful Professional Development prior to school beginning. She sought a policy update. She wished all of our athletes luck and everyone a happy new school year.

Time of Adjournment 8:36 p.m.