

**MILAN AREA SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, August 28, 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 28, 2024.

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

Board Members Absent: None

Signed in Staff: Bryan Girbach, Ryan McMahon, Margaret Durkee, Sara Beckman

Signed in Guests: Lori Galanti, Debbra Chapman, Kevin Chapman, Andrea Bennink, George Elder

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment:

- Debbra Chapman discussed her concerns related to her child's placement.
- Andrea Bennink introduced herself as the District's PAC representative and provided the community information relative to available resources.

Motion by Prior supported by Gutierrez to approve the minutes of the workshop meeting of August 10, 2024. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Motion by Meray supported by Faro to approve the minutes of the workshop meeting closed session of August 10, 2024. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Motion by Rosen-Leacher supported by Gutierrez to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of August 14, 2024. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Motion by Meray supported by Gutierrez to approve the minutes of the regular meeting closed session of August 14, 2024. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Motion by Faro supported by Heikka to approve Vicki Baker as the elementary art teacher and Alexis Robinson as a Young Five's teacher effective for the 2024-2025 school year.
All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Motion by Prior supported by Rosen-Leacher to approve the Cafeteria Employee Policies as detailed in Attachment A. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Motion by Faro supported by Prior to approve the Master Agreement with the Milan Area Schools Transportation Association as detailed in Attachment B. Carried 6-0 Abstention by Heikka

The Board discussed the Superintendent Evaluation Rubric

Public Comments:

- Debra Chapman provided information about herself and sought clarification on required postings.
- Maci Elder shared her first day of school experience.

Assistant Superintendent Comments were heard on the following topics:

- Thanked Staff for Summer Work
- Provided a Grant Update
 - Consolidated Application
 - Title III
 - ARP II

Superintendent Comments were heard on the following topics:

- 2024-2025 School Calendar
- Success of First Week of School - Smooth Opening
- Fall Athletics
- Thanked Staff for Summer Work
- Opening Professional Development Days
- Successful Open Houses
- Site Sinking Fund

Board Member Comments:

- Heikka spoke of the accomplishments of a High School teacher.
- Prior reported back on the success of recent Open Houses. She spoke of recent support for the fall athletes and of the accomplishments of a High School teacher and coach.
- Faro welcomed everyone back to school. He discussed the status of the financial audit. He also discussed his child's school experience.
- Meray congratulated the staff for successful Open Houses. She expressed her excitement over changes made to the Middle School and described the atmosphere as welcoming and homey. She discussed adaptive books discussing stem themes available at the WISD. She also encouraged the community to visit REMC.org for additional adaptive resources.
- Cislo thanked Ms. Chapman for coming to the meeting. He discussed the upcoming MASB conference. He also provided an update on the status of the appointment of Student Board Representatives.

Motion by Heikka supported by Rosen-Leacher 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: 7:50 p.m.

Time returned to open session: 9:23 p.m.

Time of Adjournment: 9:23 p.m.