

**MILAN AREA SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING
Tuesday, August 31, 2021**

The special meeting of the Milan Area Schools Board of Education was called to order by President Cislo at 7:00 p.m. on August 31, 2021.

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

Board Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Bryan Girbach, Ryan McMahon, Yvette Kashmer, Jennifer Barker

Guests Present: Jennifer Boggs, Brandon Boggs, Alecia Powell, Konner Wojewski, Gunnar Kruike, Annie Kruike, Rachel Hobbs, Debra Allen, Melissa DeMars, Kirk DeMars, Tara Dreon, Holli Vallade

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comments:

- Rachel Hobbs spoke about a Board member's personal social media post. She also asked about Superintendent Girbach's response to her husband.
- Annie Kruike spoke about the placement of public comments on the agenda.
- Kirk DeMars thanked the Board for having a Tuesday meeting and questioned the need for police presence at board meetings.

Motion by Faro supported by Landingham to approve the Master Agreement with the Milan Area Schools Transportation Association as detailed in Attachment A. Carried 6-0 Heikka abstention (professional conflict)

Motion by Moccio supported by Faro to approve the Master Agreement with the Milan Area Schools Support Staff as detailed in Attachment B. Carried 5-1 Heikka abstention (professional conflict), No vote by Frait

Public Comments:

- Alecia Powell spoke about a bus issue, paraprofessional pay, feeling unheard, the need for Board members comments being heard, the make-up of the communication committee, the lack of constructive conversations, the lack of need for police presence at board meetings, a Board member's personal social media post, masks, need for leadership and partnerships, and the need to hold ourselves to higher standards.
- Debra Allen spoke about the lack of need for police presence at board meetings and requested that the Board considered the community's input when making decisions.
- Rachel Hobbs asked about Superintendent Girbach's response to her husband.
- Annie Kruike thanked Board members for listening with their eyes and questioned Superintendent Girbach's response to a community member.

Superintendent's Comments:

Students

- The district wants to inform our students and families that, throughout the 2021-2022 school year, full meal equivalent breakfasts and lunches will be free to all students on scheduled school days. Individual milks and other food items will NOT be free.

Staff

- Danielle Huff (PECC Teacher) had a baby girl. Lennon Jane Greuling was born on Monday, August 30th.

General

- The first two days of school have been very successful. It is great to see students in classrooms learning. Our transportation department is working through a couple of timing issues caused by consolidating a run. Paddock and Symons are also working through the use of Drive Line pick-up and drop-off procedures. With the increased number of students being picked-up and dropped-off, wait times have been longer than we would like. We improved from day one to day two and the principals and staff are brainstorming ideas to make the process even more efficient. We appreciate the patience of our parents as we work through these new procedures.

Budget Update

- Pupil counts are being finalized and will be shared at the next Board meeting.

Board Member Comments:

- Board Member Cislo addressed concerns about the placement of public comments on the agenda and thanked Beth Frait for painting the door for downtown.
- Board Member Landingham addressed concerns about her social media post and recommended moving forward with the communication committee.
- Board Member Heikka recommended moving forward with the communication committee, addressed concerns about her social media post, and acknowledged that she appreciates the passion of community members who make public comments at Board meetings.
- Board Member Moccio provided an update on the great Art Doors and thanked Beth Frait for painting the door for downtown.
- Board Member Faro thanked the community for respectful comments made at Board meetings and said that he appreciates their comments.
- Board Member Frait thanked community members for attending the Board meetings and provided an update on her daughter in New Orleans.
- Board Member Kiger thanked the staff for providing the students with a great start to the new year.

Time of Adjournment: 7:48 p.m.