

**MILAN AREA SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
Wednesday, August 9, 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 9, 2023.

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

Board Members Absent: Gutierrez

Signed in Staff: Bryan Girbach, Ryan McMahon, Daniel Douglas, Jennifer Glushyn, Jim Brousseau, McKenzie Chappell

Signed in Guests: Sue Kesterson, Janice Kiger, Alibeth Vandergrift, Rebecca Craigmile, Megan Smallwood, Chris Smallwood, Alex Sutton, Sarah Tellas, Kindra Brown, Rachel Hobbs, Trisha Lurette, Jaime Schlack, Annette Tellas

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comments:

- Rachel Hobbs questioned the minutes and the new Attendance Policy. She also questioned the wording in Attachment A. She spoke in favor of maintaining Academic Literacy courses at the High School and expressed concern about cutting courses and not cutting administrative expenses.
  - Mr. Girbach clarified questions related to Attachment A.
  - Ms. Heikka clarified questions related to the minutes.
- Jim Brousseau spoke in favor of maintaining Academic Literacy courses at the High School.
- Jennifer Glushyn spoke in favor of maintaining Academic Literacy courses at the High School.
- Rebecca Craigmile spoke in favor of maintaining Academic Literacy courses at the High School.
- Sue Kesterson spoke in favor of maintaining Academic Literacy courses at the High School.
- Alex Sutton spoke in favor of maintaining Academic Literacy courses at the High School.
- Chris Smallwood spoke in favor of maintaining Academic Literacy courses at the High School.
- Megan Smallwood spoke in favor of maintaining Academic Literacy courses at the High School.
- Sarah Tellas spoke in favor of maintaining Academic Literacy courses at the High School.
- Jaime Schlack spoke about harassment.
- Annette Tellas spoke in favor of maintaining Academic Literacy courses at the High School.

Motion by Faro supported by Rosen-Leacher to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of July 12, 2023. Carried 5-0 Abstention by Frait

Motion by Faro supported by Heikka to approve the bills/reimbursement of expenses. Carried 5-0 Abstention by Frait

Motion by Rosen-Leacher supported by Meray to approve the Michigan Schools Energy Cooperative (MISEC) Energy Resolution as provided in Attachment A. All Ayes Carried 6-0

Motion by Faro supported by Heikka to approve the Strategic Plan Scorecard as provided in Attachment B. Carried 5-1 No vote by Frait

Motion by Rosen-Leacher 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.

- Dr. Chloe Wilson - Milan Middle School Teacher Consultant (\$53,598)
- Christina Barbara - High School Counselor (\$53,598)
- Noah Genson - Middle School Elective Teacher (\$47,500)
- Levi Jackson - High School Counselor (\$47,500)
- Michael Sedenquist - High School Math Teacher (\$41,000)

All Ayes Carried 6-0

Public Comments:

- Trisha Lerette spoke in favor of maintaining Academic Literacy courses at the High School.
- Jennifer Glushyn spoke in favor of maintaining Academic Literacy courses at the High School.
- Jim Brousseau spoke in favor of maintaining Academic Literacy courses at the High School.
- Rachel Hobbs spoke in favor of maintaining Academic Literacy courses at the High School. Questioned the decision to reduce the class day from 7 periods to 6. She also questioned when the updated Board packet would be provided to the public.
  - Mr. Girbach clarified when the packet was made available to the public.
- Chris Smallwood spoke in favor of maintaining the Academic Literacy courses at the High School.
- Annette Tellas spoke in favor of maintaining the Academic Literacy courses at the High School.
- Alex Sutton spoke in favor of maintaining the Academic Literacy courses at the High School.
- Rebecca Craigmile spoke in favor of maintaining the Academic Literacy courses at the High School
- Mr. Cislo asked Mr. Girbach to provide a report to the Board related to Academic Literacy courses at the High School.

Student Board Member Comments: None

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

- Grant Updates
- Title I Funds for Adult Education

Superintendent's Comments were heard on the following topics:

- Free Breakfast and Lunch Program Funded by the State
- Summer reparations for the 2023-2024 School Year
- First Day of School is August 28th
- Krista Hendrix's Renewal of MSBO Chief Financial Officer Certification

- Thank you to the Legacy Land Conservancy for their Donation of a Sound System for the Boardroom
- Building Open House Dates

Board Member Comments:

- Faro thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and provided an update on the District's finances. He also thanked Krista Hendrix for her hard work and professionalism.
- Frait asked about early enrollment numbers. She also discussed a recent MASB course she attended. She also thanked everyone for attending the meeting and spoke of her personal experience subbing in the Academic Literacy class. Lastly, she congratulated Mr. Gill on his retirement.
- Heikka thanked everyone for attending the meeting and spoke of her own experience as a parent with a student who struggled with reading. She thanked Mr. Gill for his service and congratulated Mr. Sandberg on his appointment.
- Rosen-Leacher announced that online registration is open. She also thanked Mr. Gill for his service. She also thanked those that attended the meeting.
- Meray congratulated Mr. Gill and Mr. Sandberg and expressed her confidence in Mr. Sandberg. She thanked everyone for attending the meeting and expressed her eagerness to receive the report from the Administration.
- Cislo spoke about the Special Meeting being scheduled, the upcoming Big Red Chat, and the need to appoint MASB delegates. He then welcomed everyone back to the upcoming new year. He thanked everyone for speaking at the Board meeting and hoped they felt heard. He also expressed the Board's and the Administration's dedication to the students and their progress.

Time of Adjournment 8:44 p.m.