

MILAN AREA SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, September 14, 2022

The regular meeting of the Milan Area Schools Board of Education was called to order in the Milan High School Theater located at 200 Big Red Drive, Milan MI, 48160, by President Cislo at 7:01 p.m. on September 14, 2022.

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

Board Members Absent: Moccio

Signed in Staff: Bryan Girbach, Ryan McMahon, Yvette Kashmer, Sara Beckman

Signed in Guests: Alibeth Vanderfrift, Jennifer Bolanos, Yo Gabba Gaba, Avery Powell, Alecia Powell, Rachel Hobbs, John Leacher, George Elder, Jayme McElvany, Janet McFall, Andrea Bennink, Ashley St. Clair, Holli Vallade

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment:

- Rachel Hobbs commented on report cards.
- Janet McFall commented on school safety and expressed concern regarding certain books in the MAS libraries.

Motion by Faro supported by Kiger to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting of August 23, 2022. All Ayes. Carried 6-0

Motion by Faro supported by Kiger to approve the minutes of the Closed Session of August 23, 2022. All Ayes. Carried 6-0

Motion by Faro supported by Rosen-Leacher to approve the bills/reimbursement of expenses. All Ayes. Carried 6-0

Motion by Faro supported by Kiger to appoint the following people to the teaching positions listed and Base Salaries listed effective immediately.

- * Angie Wagner - Paddock Young Five's (\$47,000)
- * Lori Fluke - Symons TC (\$45,945)
- * Jared Akins - MMS TC (\$47,000)
- * Daniel Adler - MHS ELA (\$70,418)

All Ayes. Carried 6-0

Faro welcomed the new applicants to MAS.

Heikka sought clarification on the process used to select the proposed candidates.

Frait sought clarification on the positions and any impact to the budget.

Superintendent Girbach presented an update of the Strategic Plan Scorecard as provided in Attachment A.

Motion by Rosen-Leacher supported by Kiger to recommend Andrea Bennink to the Washtenaw Intermediate School District Board of Education for appointment to the Washtenaw Intermediate School District Parent Advisory Committee. All Ayes. Carried 6-0

Public Comments

- Andrea Bennink stated that she looks forward to representing the District at the WISD and suggested that the Trap Team be added to the scorecard.
- Rachel Hobbs commented on the Big Red Board Chat and the District's new hires.
- George Elder commented on Middle School lunches.
- Holli Vallade commented on the Big Red Board Chat and concerns related to use of student's preferred pronouns and names.
- Jayme McElvany commented on the Big Red Board Chat and expressed concern related to certain books in the MAS libraries and encouraged discussion regarding the same.
- Beth Vandergrift reported on a community fundraiser for library books, support for librarians and concerns for their safety, and spoke in favor of teachers asking students for their preferred pronouns and names.
- Janet McFall expressed concern regarding certain books in the MAS libraries and grooming.
- Ashley St. Clair spoke in favor of certain books in the MAS libraries.

Superintendent's Comments were heard on the following topics:

- Free/Reduced lunch program
- Free Preschool (GSRP)
- The district's opening day professional Development
- The district's successful first week of school
- The building's successful open houses
- Milan Area Schools Board of Education Meet the Candidate Forum
- The district's Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan
- School safety
- 2022-2023 Pupil counts

Assistant Superintendent Comments were heard on the following topics:

- Benchmark Assessment Goals

Board Member Comments:

- Frait offered support for fall athletes, commented on the Big Red Board Chat, thanked Mr. Girbach for the opening day Professional Development, discussed the scorecard, and a fundraiser at Symmons.
- Faro spoke in favor of appropriate discourse regarding books in the MAS libraries, provided a financial update, spoke about upcoming events at the schools, and discussed the Sunshine Club at the High School.
- Betty Rosen-Leacher thanked the community for participating in the Big Red Board Chat.

- Kiger thanked Mrs. Bennink for volunteering her time and representing the MAS at the WISD.
- Cislo commented on the Big Red Board Chat and thanked participants in the same.
- Heikka welcomed our new staff members, thanked those that attended the Big Red Board Chat, spoke about the importance of respectful discourse, and how name calling prevents discourse, spoke in favor of certain books in the MAS libraries and the importance of parental choice, and congratulated the Girls Swim Team for their win against Dexter.

Time of Adjournment 8:12 p.m.