

**MILAN AREA SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
WORKSHOP MEETING
WEDNESDAY, September 23, 2020**

The workshop meeting (held in person and virtually using Zoom) of the Milan Area Schools Board of Education was called to order by President Vershum at 7:01 p.m. on September 23, 2020.

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

Board Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Bryan Girbach, Ryan McMahon, Aaron Shinn, Chris Gill, Alison Smith, Amy Creten, Clara Thiry, Courtney Jeffers, Daniel Heikka, Elizabeth Miller, James Brousseau, John Evans, Kelley Smith, McKenzie Chappell, Melissa Fiederlein, Miranda Laskowski, Hayley Muir, Wendy Unger, Lauren Birdsong Marsh

Guests Present: 734-546-3433, 734-546-7828, 734-904-2910, Carrie, Cindy, Closed Session 1, Closed Session 2, Keith McDaniel, Laurie Englehart, Matt, Renee, iPhone Stacey

Pledge of Allegiance

Superintendent Girbach provided the Board of Education with an update on the 2020-2021 School Year

Superintendent's Comments:

Students

- The Milan High School Equestrian team is the division champ. The team is on their way to regionals on Oct 2nd Mason. Team members include: Sydney Bain, Hailey Burd, Taylor Hawley, Caelan Hunter, Lexi Keel, Lucy Middleton, Makenna Noon, Sam Raasch, Payton Seog, Addie Wilcox and Nellie Wilcox.

Staff

- MAS staff and families are doing a tremendous job of adapting to the new normal of K-12 education. We all continue to get better every day. Continued patience and understand is appreciated from and towards all stakeholders.

Communication

- The district currently has 1,030 Twitter followers. That is down 1 from the last meeting.
- The district currently has 2,195 Facebook followers. That is up 6 from the last meeting.

Budget Update

- State Budget Update
 - Budget Sent to Governor
 - No Foundation Cut (Restore \$175 Per Pupil Cut Made Last Year)
 - MAS Preliminary Budget is Based on a \$600 Per Pupil Cut

- \$65 Per Pupil One Time Distribution Based On Modified Pupil Count = ~\$130,000
- \$500 Teacher Retention Stipend With District Match of \$500
 - Teachers Who Finish the Year
 - Continued for 3 Years
- MAS Budget Amendment Following State Budget Approval

Board

- Pupil Count Update
 - Current Count 1,992 (1,942 to meet budget)
 - Blended Count of 2,126.20
 - Budgeted Count of 2,115
 - 11.20 FTEs Over Budgeted Count
- 2019-2020 Audit is Going Well and Will be Presented for First Reading at the October Regular Meeting
 - Off Scale Compensation Spreadsheet has Been Developed
 - Based on the Current Audit Unassigned Fund Balance and Expenditure Numbers, We Anticipate a 3-4% Off-Scale Distribution in December (As Required by our Negotiated Master Agreements)

General

Superintendent Girbach Provided an Update Regarding the 2020-2021 School Year:

- Technology Update
 - K-1 Hybrid iPads Will be Distributed this Week
 - Hotspots Will Distributed this Week
 - We are Waiting for Delivery Information on the Chromebooks (hearing late October)
 - Nation Wide Shortage
 - Family Help Desk
- General Update on Hybrid and Virtual Instruction
 - Both Models are Going Well
 - Devices and Hotspots Improved the Overall Implementation
 - Friday Student Remote Day Provided Needed Time for Staff to Prepare
- ECOL Plan
 - Written and WISD Approved
 - Put On MAS Website on Oct 16
 - Brought to MAS Board of Education in October for Re-Confirmation of Instructional Model
- MAS COVID Case Dashboard Introduction
 - MAS Will Publish the Dashboard Weekly (on Fridays)
 - Dashboard will Include
 - General Information about Handling Quarantines and Positive Cases
 - Number of Students and Staff Members who test Positive
 - Number of Students and Staff Members Required to Quarantine Because of Contact at School

Assistant Superintendent's Comments:

- Assistant Superintendent McMahon shared an update on assessments. 12th grade students took the SAT this morning. The K-8 NWEA will begin tomorrow morning.

Public Comments:

Laurie Englehart 675 Honeysuckle Ln., inquired about providing feedback for virtual learning.

Clara Thiry 15141 Sherman Rd, inquired as to whom people should direct their questions to regarding virtual learning.

Board Member Comments:

- Board Member Heikka would like the Board to return to working on the Strategic Planning process and the Superintendent Evaluation process
- Board Member Vershum inquired about bringing back the Student Board Members safely

Motion by Heikka supported by Frait to enter into closed session as allowed by the Open Meetings Act for a Student Reinstatement Hearing. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Time entered closed session 7:43 p.m.

Time returned to open session 8:13 p.m.

Motion by Heikka supported by Cislo to conditionally reinstate student 2019-2020-5 as detailed in Attachment B. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Motion by Heikka supported by Cislo to enter into closed session as allowed by the Open Meetings Act for a Student Reinstatement Hearing. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Time entered closed session 8:17 p.m.

Time returned to open session 8:36 p.m.

Motion by Moccio supported by Frait to conditionally reinstate student 2019-2020-6 as detailed in Attachment C. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Motion by Cislo supported by Heikka to enter into closed session as allowed by the Open Meetings Act for Negotiation Strategies. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Time entered closed session 8:40 p.m.

Time returned to open session 9:35 p.m.

Time of Adjournment: 9:35 p.m.