

**MILAN AREA SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
Wednesday, September 28, 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 7:00 p.m. on September 28, 2022.

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

Board Members Absent: None

Signed in Staff: Bryan Girbach, Yvette Kashmer

Signed in Guests: Yo Gabba Gabba, Jill Twesley, Juley Meads, Alecia Powell, Avery Powell, Karen Lambert, Carrie Gutierrez, Larry Biederman, George Elder, Rachel Hobbs, Brittany Smith, Andrea Bennink, Lisa Sanders, Holli Vallade, Janet McFall

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment:

- Andrea Bennink provided an update from the WISD Parent Action Committee.
- Rachel Hobbs commented on certain books in the Milan Area Schools libraries.
- Lisa Sanders provided a personal story and commented on services for students with Dyslexia.
- Holli Vallade commented on diverse views on the Board.

Motion by Kiger supported by Faro to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting of September 14, 2022. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Motion by Rosen-Leacher supported by Kiger to approve the Milan Area Schools Course Offerings as detailed in Attachment A. All Ayes. Carried 7-0  
Frait asked a couple of questions regarding course catalogs.

Motion by Moccio supported by Faro to approve the change of date for the December 8, 2022 Regular Meeting as detailed in Attachment B. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

The Board received a Communications Committee update from Jill Tewsley (a Committee Member).

Cislo thanked the members of the Communications Committee.

Rosen-Leacher thanked the members of the Communications Committee.

Frait thanked the members of the Communications Committee.

Public Comments

- Lisa Sanders commented on cell phone use and the policy at the High School to place cell phones in hotels during class.

- Rachel Hobbs commented on school safety.
- Janet McFall commented on school safety and certain books in the Milan Area Schools library.
- Holli Vallade commented on certain books in the Milan Area Schools library, Board support for teachers asking students for nicknames and State Board of Education Guidelines, and rhetoric surrounding the books in the libraries.
- Andrea Bennink asked if a recording of the Continuity of Learning Zoom Session would be posted on the website.
- Brittany Simmons commented on cell phone use and an inability to reach staff at the Middle School.
- Jill Twesley announced the upcoming Milan High School Theater Production and encouraged the community to follow the theater program's Facebook and Instagram pages.

Superintendent's Comments were heard on the following topics:

- Free/Reduced lunch program
- Free Preschool (GSRP)
- School Programs Receiving Greater Milan Area COmmunity Fund Grants
- Staff Resignations
- Milan Area Schools Board of Education Meet the Candidate Forum
- District Calendar Changes
- The District's Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan
- 2022-2023 Pupil counts

Assistant Superintendent Comments: None

Board Member Comments:

- Faro provided a financial update.
- Frait thanked Mrs. Bennink for representing the community at the WISD and the school community for invites to upcoming events, and commented on the High Point facility, the upcoming High School play, community support for Fall athletics, and the upcoming Legislative Coffee.
- Moccio thanked everyone who attended the Continuity of Learning Zoom session and congratulated the Superintendent for his performance at the same. She thanked the Communications Committee for their work and the Community Foundation for the work they do for our community.
- Cislo commented on continuing the Big Red Board Chats and announced the next meeting would be on January 17, 2023. He also encouraged the community to continue to invite Board members to community events.
- Heikka congratulated the Girls Swim Team for their recent win over Detroit Country Day. She also sought an update on implementing parental notifications from the library regarding books checked out by students, and reminded parents that the first deadline for the Common Application was November 1, 2022.
- Rosen-Leacher congratulated the Boys Soccer Team for being ranked 13th in the State.

Time of Adjournment 7:58 p.m.