MILAN AREA SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, January 31, 2024

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 January 31, 2024

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

Board Members Absent: Prior

Signed in Staff: Bryan Girbach, Ryan McMahon, Margaret Durkee

Signed in Guests: Maya Faro, Avery Powell

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comments: None

Motion by Gutierrez supported by Rosen-Leacher to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 17, 2024. All Ayes. Carried 6-0

Motion by Rosen-Leacher supported by Faro to direct the Superintendent, or designee, to cast the district's vote for the MASB Region 7 Board of Directors position for Sharon Lee.
All Ayes. Carried 6-0

Motion by Meray supported by Heikka to approve the change of date for the February 13, 2024 Regular Meeting as detailed in Attachment B. All Ayes. Carried 6-0

Superintendent Girbach address the Board with an update regarding Reimagine MAS: 2024-2025 and Beyond

Public Comments: None

Student Board Representative Comments:

- Faro provided an update on upcoming events.
- Powell provided an update on upcoming events and past sporting events.

Assistant Superintendent Comments were heard on the following topics:

- Welcome of Principal Schwartz
- NWEA Assessment Update
- MSTEP/SAT Test Preparations
- Grant Updates: 23g, 35a5, 61c, 61s, 97j, 41, Consolidated Application

Superintendent Comments were heard on the following topics:

- MHS Bowl-a-Thon
- Welcome of Principal Schwartz
- New Teacher Orientation Program
- Thank you to Symons Staff
- WISD Legislative Breakfast

Board Member Comments:

- Cislo discussed information he received from attending the recent Legislative Breakfast. He discussed upcoming Big Red Board Chats and announced upcoming Board Committee Assignments. He praised the choirs for their performance at the Michigan Music Conference. He encouraged the community to attend upcoming hockey games. He also announced that the Board would be participating in a self-evaluation in the near future.
- Faro asked the Policy Committee to address the Harkness Grant. He welcomed Mrs. Schwartz to Symons Elementary School and Cynthia Salome, the new payroll manager. He announced that the Board would discuss some budget adjustments at a February meeting. He also reminded everyone that Milan students can attend certain hockey co-op games for free. He thanked Mr. McMahon for all of his efforts related to recent grant applications.
- Meray praised the choir and the hockey team for their recent accomplishments. She also wished the students participating in solo and ensemble luck.
- Gutierrez welcomed Mrs. Schwartz to Milan Area Schools. She also praised the Administrative Team for the work they put into Reimagining Milan and thanked them for keeping everyone informed of the progress.
- Heikka welcomed Mrs. Schwartz and thanked the staff for their help with the selection process. She also informed the Policy Committee of upcoming needed policy work.

Motion by Faro supported by Heikka to enter into closed session pursuant to Section 8(1)(c) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act for the purpose of negotiation strategies. All Ayes. Carried 6-0

Time entered closed session 8:08 pm.

Time returned to open session 8:47 pm.

Time of Adjournment: 8:48pm