MILAN AREA SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, September 11, 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 September 11, 2024.

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

Board Members Absent: None

Signed in Staff: Bryan Girbach, Ryan McMahon, Aaron Shinn, Dan Heikka, Margaret Durkee, Sara Beckman

Signed in Guests: George Elder, Virginia Heikka, Stella Heikka

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment: None

Motion by Prior supported by Rosen-Leacher to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of August 28, 2024. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Motion by Meray supported by Gutierrez to approve the minutes of the regular meeting closed session of August 28, 2024. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Motion by Faro supported by Gutierrez to approve the bills/reimbursement of expenses. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

The Board received an update on the 2024 Sinking Fund Millage Proposal

Motion by Heikka supported by Rosen-Leacher to approve the Principles of Building Trades, Building and Construction Trades I, and Building and Construction Trades II courses as presented in Attachment A. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Motion by Faro supported by Prior to approve Herb Morelock as the MAS Athletic Director effective for the 2024-2025 school year. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Motion by Rosen-Leacher supported by Meray to approve Richard Smith as a Middle School Social Studies teacher and Michael Whittaker as a High School Social Studies teacher effective immediately. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Motion by Faro supported by Prior to approve the Master Agreement with the Milan Area Schools Support Staff (MASSS) as detailed in Attachment B. Carried 5-0 Abstentions by Heikka and Gutierrez

Public Comments: None

Assistant Superintendent Comments were heard on the following topics:

- Thanked the Technology Department for Getting Students Rostered into ALl of the Software Systems

Superintendent Comments were heard on the following topics:

- Accomplishments of Fall Athletics
- Successful Three Milan Students Nominated for Monroe News Athlete of the Week
- High School Open House
- Homecoming Week and Game
- Milan Area Chamber Meet the Candidate Forum
- Zoom Community Forum on Sinking Fund Millage Ballot Proposal
- Sun Times News Coming to Milan

Board Member Comments:

- Cislo gave an update on future Student Board Representatives. He also provided an update on the upcoming Meet the Candidates Forum. He announced the upcoming Big Red Board Chat on Tuesday, September 17, 2024.
- Rosen-Leacher indicated she placed the Big Red Board Chat in the Milan City calendar. She also provided an update on the Board's participation in the Homecoming Parade.
- Prior praised the Equestrian Team for their recent performance. She also reminded the community of the Girls Basketball Team's upcoming fundraiser.
- Faro praised the excellent job performance of our administration. He also provided a legislative update regarding school funding.
- Heikka congratulated the fall sports teams on their recent performance and their positive representation in the community. She thanked the families that participated in the recent open houses and encouraged everyone to attend the Meet the Candidates Forum.
- Meray reminded the community of the upcoming Special Education millage renewal.

Motion by Faro supported by Gutierrez to enter into closed session pursuant to Section 8(1)(c) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act for Negotiation Strategies. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Time entered closed session: 7:56 p.m.

Time returned to open session: 8:31 p.m.

Time of Adjournment: 8:31 p.m.