MILAN AREA SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 2026
MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Milan Area Schools Board of Education was called to order in the District Office Boardroom located at 100 Big Red Drive, Milan MI, 48160, by President Faro at 7:00 p.m. on June 3, 2026.

Board Members Present: Faro, Gutierrez, Meray, Heikka, Prior, Cislo and Burdette

Board Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Superintendent McMahon, Assistant Superintendent Bookout, Executive Director of Finance Krista Hendrix, Molly Jeppesen, Dawn Werstein, Andrea Bennink, Margaret Durkee and Sara Beckman.

Guests Present: Sarah Norton

Motion by Heikka supported by Gutierrez to thank Dawn Hynds, Anna Arroyo, Ronda Cissney, Lon Smith, Jenny Drozdowski, Teresa Howe, Dawn Werstein, Deborah Hosler, Denise Rednour, Melanie Wilson, and Molly Jeppesen for their service to Milan Area Schools. All Ayes. Carried 7-0.

Student Board Member Comments: None. A special thank you to Ms. Heikka was given by board members for her years of service.

Public Comments: None

Motion by Cislo supported by Burdette to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on May 19, 2026. All Ayes. Carried 7-0.

Motion by Prior supported by Cislo to approve the minutes of the regular meeting closed session on May 19, 2026. All Ayes. Carried 7-0.

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

Motion by Meray supported by Gutierrez to approve the 2025-2026 General Fund Budget Amendment as presented in Attachment A. All Ayes. Carried 7-0.

Motion by Burdette supported by Prior to approve the 2025-2026 Debt Funds Budget Amendment as presented in Attachment B. All Ayes. Carried 7-0.

Motion by Burdette supported by Gutierrez to approve the 2025-2026 Sinking Fund Budget Amendment as presented in Attachment C. All Ayes. Carried 7-0.

Motion by Prior supported by Burdette to approve the 2025-2026 Food Service Budget Amendment as presented in Attachment D. All Ayes. Carried 7-0.

Motion by Gutierrez supported by Meray to approve the 2025-2026 Student/School Activities Budget Amendment as presented in Attachment E. All Ayes. Carried 7-0.

Motion by Meray supported by Gutierrez to approve the 2026-2027 General Fund Preliminary Budget as presented in Attachment F. All Ayes. Carried 7-0.

Motion by Prior supported by Burdette to approve the 2026-2027 Debt Funds Preliminary Budget as presented in Attachment G. All Ayes. Carried 7-0.

Motion by Heikka supported by Meray to approve the 2026-2027 Sinking Fund Preliminary Budget as presented in Attachment H. All Ayes. Carried 7-0.

Motion by Burdette supported by Gutierrez to approve the 2026-2027 Food Service Preliminary Budget as presented in Attachment I. All Ayes. Carried 7-0.

Motion by Prior supported by Meray to approve the 2026-2027 Student/School Activities Funds Preliminary Budget as presented in Attachment J. All Ayes. Carried 7-0.

Motion by Cislo supported by Gutierrez to approve the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act as presented in Attachment K. All Ayes. Carried 7-0.

Motion by Heikka supported by Burdette to approve the Milan High School sidewalk replacement for an amount not to exceed $63,100 with Budd's General Contracting. as detailed in attachment L. All Ayes. Carried 7-0.

The Board heard a WISD PAC Update given by Andrea Bennink.

Motion by Prior supported by Heikka to revise, repeal and/or adopt Board Policies #3205 and #5707, as described in attachment M. All Ayes. Carried 7-0.

Motion by Heikka supported by Gutierrez to approve the Sex Education Advisory Board proposed materials update as approved in Attachment N. All Ayes. Carried 7-0.

Motion by Gutierrez supported by Meray to approve the 2026-2027 Sex Education Advisory Board Membership and Co-Chairs as provided in Attachment O. All Ayes. Carried 7-0.

Motion by Prior supported by Heikka to layoff a member of the Milan Education Association in the attached resolution as read by President Faro. All Ayes. Carried 7-0.

Public Comments: None

Assistant Superintendent Comments:

- Earlier today members of our elementary literacy team recently participated in a Literacy Listening Session with the Washtenaw ISD. WISD is meeting individually with districts across the county to learn more about literacy implementation efforts and gather feedback on how they can best support districts moving forward.

- During our session, we had the opportunity to share the work we've been doing around literacy, including our implementation of CKLA, our student achievement data, and the steps we're taking to continue strengthening literacy instruction. We also discussed areas where additional support and collaboration could help accelerate progress. It was a valuable opportunity to reflect on our growth and contribute to countywide conversations about improving literacy outcomes for all students.

- Back in October, Assistant Superintendent Bookout shared that Milan Middle School was awarded a grant through the Washtenaw County Conservation District to install a new pollinator garden in the D Hall courtyard. Assistant Superintendent Bookout was excited to share that the garden installation was completed yesterday using plants grown at a local Milan nursery. In addition to the local connection and link to our science curriculum, what makes this project especially special is that our 8th grade students helped prepare the site and played an active role in bringing the garden to life. This is a great example of students applying their learning in a hands-on way while making a lasting contribution to their school community.

- As we wrap up the school year, Assistant Superintendent Bookout wanted to thank our students, staff, and families for their continued commitment to learning, growth, and community. We have much to celebrate as we finish another successful year.

Superintendent Comments:

- Superintendent McMahon thanked the staff and community for all the work that went into the year-end celebrations and activities, including Senior Honors Night, Young Adult Graduation, Adult Ed Graduation, Pre-School and other grade-level move up ceremonies, concerts, field trips, and field days, just to name a few. Our staff and volunteers put a lot of work into these events and we are grateful for their time and effort. Mr. McMahon also added an extra acknowledgement of congratulations to our students in the Class of 2026 and to our MAS retirees. We wish them all luck in their next adventures.

- Superintendent McMahon shared with the Board that he will be participating in a Legislative Action Day at the Capital Building in Lansing next Tuesday. Looking forward to working alongside other Superintendents and officials to advocate for education.

- Superintendent McMahon thanked Cassidy Schettenhelm for her work leading the SEAB committee this year and also for Nurse Dawn Hyndes for her work in leading the Wellness Committee. They both offer strong advocacy for their committees and are integral in keeping that work moving forward.

- Superintendent also thanked Krista Hendrix for all of the extra work she has put in over the past few weeks preparing for the final budget amendment and the preliminary budget. Krista works many evenings and weekends to keep the district's finances in order.

Board Member Comments:

- Burdette congratulated the girls' softball team on winning their district championship and wished them luck at regionals. He commended the coaching staff and parent volunteers for organizing senior night. Additionally, he congratulated the graduating class of 2026 and noted his participation in commencement and the high school Grill and Chill event.

- Prior congratulated the graduates and expressed appreciation for participating in the commencement ceremony. She noted her attendance at the high school Grill and Chill event. Furthermore, she highlighted an increase in PTO fundraising and support across buildings, thanking the group and urging more parental involvement.

- Heikka thanked administrative and building staff for executing a smooth graduation ceremony and thanked the community and alumni who attended. She commended the faculty who volunteered their time to host the Exam Cram academic support sessions. Finally, she celebrated the athletic achievements of the girls' softball team and the state-level track qualifiers, and encouraged students to participate in summer reading programs at the Milan Library.

- Gutierrez congratulated the graduating class and highlighted distributing Board of Education and Edna scholarships during honors night. She thanked the music department faculty and students for their performances at commencement and the spring choir concert. Additionally, she praised the upcoming sensory-friendly open houses, thanked community volunteers at the Grill and Chill event, and commended the middle and high school yearbook students for compiling beautiful yearbooks.

- Cislo noted his attendance at the adult education graduation ceremony and expressed gratitude for the opportunity to deliver the high school commencement address. He thanked staff for resolving live-stream technical challenges and acknowledged the recent passings of prominent community members, including two retired transportation staff members. He reflected that their obituaries exemplified the core mission and spirit of the district.

- Meray promoted professional development opportunities for district paraeducators through the upcoming Washtenaw Intermediate School District (WISD) summer bootcamp. She encouraged certified staff seeking SCECHs for certificate renewals to remc.org for free, asynchronous learning opportunities. Reflecting on graduation, she

congratulated graduates, commended the student and staff speakers, and noted the positive engagement she observed between graduates and their former teachers.

- Faro congratulated the district's graduates and thanked Andrew Cislo for delivering the commencement address on behalf of the Board of Education. He highlighted the success of the senior walkthrough event at Paddock Elementary, advocating for the tradition to continue. He expressed gratitude to the entire district staff for managing a school year marked by major leadership transitions and challenges. Lastly, he requested that board members review district policies 4202 through 4214 in advance of the June 24th meeting.

Time of Adjournment 8:18 p.m.