**MILAN AREA SCHOOLS**
**BOARD OF EDUCATION**
**REGULAR MEETING**
**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24, 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 24, 2026.

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

Board Members Absent: Gutierrez

Staff: Superintendent McMahon, Assistant Superintendent Bookout, Executive Finance Director Krista Hendrix, Margaret Durkee and Sara Beckman.

Guests: Beth Vandergrift

Public Comments: None

Motion by Prior supported by Burdette to approve the minutes of the Budget Hearing on June 3, 2026. All Ayes. Carried 6-0.

Motion by Heikka supported by Cislo to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on June 3, 2026. All Ayes. Carried 6-0.

Motion by Burdette supported by Heikka to approve the 2026-2027 MHSAA Membership Resolution as included in Attachment A. All Ayes. Carried 6-0.

President Faro communicated that the Finance/Operations committee plans to meet once a month before the first board meeting. President Faro also suggested the Communications/Community Engagement committee establish a similar meeting cadence to ensure communication to stakeholders.

President Faro and Superintendent McMahon explained Board Meeting Calendar Adjustments made due to scheduling conflicts.
Motion by Meray supported by Cislo to authorize borrowing up to $3,750,000 against anticipated state aid for the 2026-2027 fiscal year as specified in the borrowing resolution induced as Attachment C. All Ayes. Carried 6-0.

Motion by Cislo supported by Meray to approve the Milan High School tennis court repairs in the amount of $118,000 with, as detailed in Attachment D.
Faro Aye, Heikka Nay, Meray Aye, Prior Nay, Cislo Aye, Burdette Aye. Carried 4-2.

Emergency Operations Plan - Conversation on this item was held following the new hire resolutions.

Motion by Heikka supported by Cislo to approve an amendment to the SWWC Agreement, detailed in Attachment F, with the resolution as read by President Faro. All Ayes. Carried 6-0.

Motion by Prior supported by Heikka to approve William Jones as an Elementary STEM Teacher effective for the 2026-2027 school year. Carried 6-0.

Motion by Burdette supported by Meray to approve Lane Clevenger as Milan High School Social Studies Teacher effective for the 2026-2027 school year. Carried 6-0.

Motion by Cislo supported by Burdette to approve Stacie Day as a Milan Middle School Teacher Consultant effective for the 2026-2027 school year. Carried 6-0.

Motion by Heikka supported by Prior to approve Maddox Avery as a Milan Middle School Resource Room Teacher effective for the 2026-2027 school year. Carried 6-0.

Motion by Cislo supported by Heikka to approve Molly Goins as a Milan High School Resource Room Teacher effective for the 2026-2027 school year. Carried 6-0.

Motion by Burdette supported by Cislo to approve Nicole Schooler as a Symons Elementary Resource Room Teacher effective for the 2026-2027 school year. Carried 6-0.

Superintendent McMahon and Assistant Superintendent Bookout presented the first reading of the Emergency Operations Plan outline.

Public Comments: None

Assistant Superintendent Comments:

- Assistant Superintendent Bookout explained Administrative planning for the summer months. Priorities that the Administrators will work on over the summer are student behavior, attendance, social emotional learning and MTSS.

- Assistant Superintendent Bookout highlighted many of our Administrators and how their investing time in their professional growth.Kristyn Perifleice and Brad Baden attended the Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals Conference MASSP and Kristi Schwartz, David Middlin and Assistant Superintendent Bookout have attended a Cognitive Coaching Training.

Superintendent Comments:

- Superintendent McMahon shared with the Board the Washtenaw Area Council of Children (WACC) received a grant from the GMACF to continue supporting the body safety and cyber security trainings, which is a great benefit to our students.

- Superintendent McMahon shared with the Board that there is now a spreadsheet illustrating the Sinking Fund expenditures on the transparency page of the MAS website. We will continue to keep that spreadsheet periodically updated.

- Superintendent McMahon shared that the 2026-2027 School Calendar is still being negotiated with the MEA. He has received numerous phone calls and emails from families, as well as the WISD and MDE, requesting the dates for next year, but our current version is still in tentative form. We have reports that are due by the end of June, so these will need to be completed under a tentative calendar and updated once the MEA responds to our proposal.

- Superintendent McMahon shared an update on a couple projects in the district. The work on both the water main replacement at the middle school and the sidewalk replacement at the high school are projected to begin during the second week of July. There will be some alteration of traffic patterns in the parking lots during this work, so we ask that everyone practice caution while traveling through our parking lots.

- Superintendent McMahon urged the Board, staff, and community to reach out to local legislators about the importance of passing the School Aid budget on time. School districts throughout Michigan are held to standards and deadlines and we should expect the same of our legislators. He shared that he was able to meet with a handful of legislators at the State Capitol the previous week to share this message, but it is important for them to hear from as many constituents as possible.

Board Member Comments:

- Prior expressed gratitude to scholarship recipients for their letters to the Board. She advocated for community outreach to legislators regarding state budget delays, and commended the administration for their work planning for the upcoming school year and the new Emergency Operations Plans. She also detailed the upcoming policy review schedule and proposed a specialized workshop to address state-mandated student cell phone policy revisions.

- Heikka highlighted the district challenges caused by state legislative delays, noting that requiring districts to finalize June budgets without verified state aid data impacts union negotiations and operational planning. She encouraged the community to reach out to legislators to advocate for the school aid budget. She also thanked administrative staff for seamlessly dispersing student scholarship funds before the college semester.

- Cislo commended the high public attendance at the meeting and thanked those in attendance. He advocated for the board to pass a formal resolution at the next meeting if the state budget is not finalized by July 1st.

- Burdette echoed concerns regarding the state budget delay and noted his registration for three additional MASB Certified Board Member courses, thanking the administration and community for supporting his professional development.

- Meray advocated for a formal board resolution condemning legislative delays, and noted MASB guidance that direct phone calls to legislators are highly effective. She confirmed the communications committee will meet to inform the public of fiscal impacts, thanked scholarship recipients for their letters to the Board, and welcomed the newly hired staff.

- Faro noted that previous members had addressed all items and indicated he had no additional comments.

  Motion by Heikka supported by Burdette to enter into closed session pursuant of Section 8(1)(e) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act for Legal Counsel and Section 8(1)(c) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act for Negotiation Strategies. Carried 6-0.

  Time entered closed session 7:59 p.m.

  Time returned to open session 9:31 p.m.

  Time of Adjournment 9:31 p.m.