

Minutes of the Milford School Committee Meeting held December 17, 2015 in the Teachers Resource Center, Milford High School, 31 West Fountain Street, Milford, MA.

Chairman Walsh called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Chairman Walsh reported that tonight's meeting is being broadcast through the local media outlets present. If anyone would like to re-broadcast, please contact a member of the School Committee or Administration.

Present: Mr. Callery, Mr. Erickson, Mr. Harrison, Atty. Holland, Mr. Morais, Ms. Parson and Mr. Walsh of the Committee; Dr. Tremblay, Ms. Perry and Dr. McIntyre of Administration; cable and print media

1. **Approval of the Minutes**

Mr. Harrison motioned and Atty. Holland seconded: to approve the minutes for the December 3, 2015 School Committee meeting.

..... Unanimous

2. **Announcements, Correspondence, Distributions**

a. Dr. Tremblay reported that the music program performed at the Lion's Club and Rotary programs. He thanked the music department.

3. **Invitation to Speak** - None

4. **Recognition of Student Athletes**

- a. MIAA Student: Unable to attend
- b. Hockomock League MVP: Unable to attend
- c. Milford High School Varsity Cheerleaders: Coach Johnson presented and introduced the athletes in attendance whose team won the State championship. Students spoke on their efforts throughout the season and the competition. All were presented with a gift by the Chairman.

5. **Milford High School Liaison to the School Committee**

Liaison, Brianna Rondo, reviewed the ongoing and upcoming efforts at the High School.

6. **Milford Public Schools Policy Revisions**

Mr. Morais presented policies that were reviewed at a prior meeting but votes were not completed. The group included Policies BBAA through BGF, and the policies were determined to not need any changes.

Mr. Morais motioned and Mr. Callery seconded: to approve policies BBAA, BBAB, BBA/BBBB, BCA, BDA, BDB, BDB2, BDD, BDFA1, BEDG1, BGC, BGD, and BGF as presented with no changes.

..... Unanimous

Mr. Morais reviewed three policies that he received feedback on and presented revised policies.

Mr. Morais motioned and Mr. Harrison seconded to accept revised Policy BDB School Committee Officers as presented with revisions.

..... Unanimous

Mr. Morais reviewed the changes to Policy BDE Subcommittees of the School Committee. Discussion ensued as to the changes suggested to strike the Superintendent language on #3.

Atty. Holland motioned and Mr. Harrison seconded to approve the policy with the Superintendent language stricken from #3.

..... Unanimous

Mr. Morais reviewed the changes to Policy BDEB Special Committees. Discussion ensued that the same Superintendent language be stricken as with above policy.

Atty. Holland motioned and Ms. Parson seconded to approve the policy with the Superintendent language stricken as reviewed.

..... Unanimous

Mr. Morais reviewed the policy related to walkers vs. riders policy. Discussion ensued as to student safety and potential for change related to the budget. Mr. Harrison reviewed the distance young students are required to walk to the buildings from home and parent feedback received. Dr. Tremblay asked that Ms. Perry review with Mr. Morcone the options available.

7. **Report of the Assistant Superintendent for Business & Human Resources**

a. Approval of the Warrant:

Mr. Morais motioned and Mr. Erickson seconded: to approve warrant in the amount of \$24,703.44

..... Unanimous

Mr. Harrison motioned and Atty. Holland seconded: to approve warrant in the amount of \$193,233.73

..... Unanimous

Ms. Parson motioned and Mr. Morais seconded: to approve warrant in the amount of \$36,810.56

..... Unanimous

Mr. Erickson motioned and Mr. Harrison seconded: to approve warrant in the amount of \$219,583.47

..... Unanimous

b. FY2016 Budget Update:

Ms. Perry reported there are no concerns.

c. Budget Transfer Request:

Discussion ensued as to the Stacy Principal & Dr. Tremblay request for transfer of funds to purchase 2 sets of Chrome Books in the amount of \$15,590 for Stacy and Middle School.

Ms. Parson motioned and Mr. Harrison seconded: to approve transfer of \$15,590 for the Chrome Book purchase.

..... Unanimous

d. Personnel Update: For informational purposes

e. Out of State Field Trips

Mr. Harrison motioned and Mr. Erickson seconded: to approve out of state field trip for Grade 2 on March 15 and 16 to the Marine Biology Center in North Kingston, RI

..... Unanimous

f. Gifts:

Mr. Harrison motioned and Mr. Morais seconded: to approve a gift from Alternatives Unlimited in the amount of \$1240 from Family Fun Day.

..... Unanimous

Mr. Callery motioned and Mr. Morais seconded: to approve a gift from the Brookside PTO in the amount of \$9,628 from their Comedy Night fundraiser.

..... Unanimous

Discussion ensued as to the upcoming DC trip as well as international trips related to recent overseas issues. Decision made to further review at a future meeting.

8. **Subcommittee Updates:**

a. Policy: None

b. Wellness: None

c. Middle School Reuse: Mr. Harrison reported he will be reviewing at a future meeting in January.

d. Woodland School Building: Atty. Holland reported that the group met last night and the project is on target and under budget currently. A tour is being scheduled for the School Committee members.

e. Technology: Mr. Erickson reported the group met last week. He noted that as part of the budget process, the hiring process will be reviewed. He also reviewed

proposed changes to the organizational chart that will be part of the budget discussion.

- f. Climate, Culture & Morale: Mr. Morais reported the group continues to review the survey results and will report back on those results. Atty. Holland asked that the results be sent to Committee members prior to the discussion.

9. **School Committee Liaison Reports:**

- a. Mr. Erickson reported he has visited the High School. He reported that the national merit scholarship and AP scholars will be invited to a future meeting for recognition. He further noted that the NEASC review at the High School will begin on April 3rd. Mr. Erickson also reviewed the senior class statistics related to college applications and AP class participation.

10. **Future Agenda Items:**

- a. Mr. Harrison asked that a future discussion take place related to Paraprofessionals and Teacher Assistants. He noted that many are moving to other towns for increase in salary.

11. **Old Business:** None

12. **Executive Session:** Chairman Walsh reported that an executive session would be held, and the group would not return to open session.

Mr. Callery motioned and Mr. Erickson seconded to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. for Executive session.

Roll Call

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Robert A. Tremblay
Secretary

Minutes recorded by:
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