

Minutes of the Milford School Committee Meeting held January 7, 2016 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**

Atty. Holland motioned and Mr. Harrison seconded: to approve the minutes for the December 17, 2015 School Committee meeting.

..... Unanimous

2. **Announcements, Correspondence, Distributions** - None

3. **Invitation to Speak** - None

4. **Recognition of Students**

a. Milford High School Advanced Placement Scholars: Ms. Banach was present to introduce the students:

AP Scholars (Thomas Jacobson, Jenise Madden, Charles Nickels, Noah Richardson, Timothy Ruscitti, Benjamin Skiba, Jenna Smith & Kayla Thongpul)

AP Scholars with Honors: (Joan Donahue, Margaret Gehm, Jackson Lynch, Yegor Lyubkin, Samantha Pelletier, Olivia Scott & Ryan White)

Advanced Placement Scholars with Distinction: (Matthew Hoffman & Maia Paterno)

Ms. Banach announced some of the colleges these students have applied to. School Committee members congratulated all and presented with gifts.

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

Alex Tenesio was present to review the ongoing and upcoming efforts at the High School.

Ms. Banach reviewed Ms. Tenesio's experience and great assistance. She noted that they are reviewing changes to the School's Improvement Plan for senior week activities.

6. **Transportation Bid Award**

Mr. Len Morcone was present to review the transportation bids. He reported that Vendetti Motors was the lower bid, and he recommended the Committee move ahead with this contract. He noted that the System has been with them for 20+ years.

Mr. Callery motioned and Mr. Harrison seconded to approve going forward awarding the transportation contract to Vendetti Motors.

..... Unanimous

7. **Walker Transportation Impact on Budget**

Mr. Len Morcone was present to review the walker transportation impact on budget along with Ms. Perry. They noted that the information is included in distributed packets related to bussing of all students. The budget impact for adding 5 busses for Grades 1-2 would be \$317,000. The budget impact for adding 11 busses for 1-5 would be \$698,742. They further reviewed changes to schedules and potential union issues. They also noted that all information will be included as part of the budget meeting and suggested it be further discussed then.

Discussion ensued as the number of students presently bussed and potential of additional. Mr. Morais asked for additional review of the potential of a 'late bus' at some buildings as well.

It was noted that the system offers busses for the students from 1 mile or more while the state mandate is 2 miles or more. Mr. Harrison also asked that Mr. Morcone and Ms. Perry review the options for ½ mile pick ups. Discussion also ensued as to pay to ride options.

Chairman Walsh recommended further discussion at the budget meeting.

8. **First Reading: Milford Public Schools Policy Files**

- a. Policy File: BDG – School Attorney: Mr. Morais reviewed the changes made to reflect current policy, noting it is a new policy. It was suggested that Atty. Moody review and a second reading be prepared.
- b. Policy File: BEB – Special Meetings: Mr. Morais reviewed the red line changes to this policy. It was suggested that Atty. Moody review and a second reading be prepared.

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

- a. Approval of the Warrant:

Mr. Harrison motioned and Ms. Parson seconded: to approve warrant in the amount of \$124,290.19

..... Unanimous
Mr. Erickson motioned and Atty. Holland seconded: to approve warrant in the amount of \$21,142.90

..... Unanimous
Ms. Parson motioned and Mr. Callery seconded: to approve warrant in the amount of \$23,826.10

..... Unanimous
Mr. Erickson motioned and Mr. Harrison seconded: to approve warrant in the amount of \$516,502.45

..... Unanimous

- b. Out of State Travel: Ms. Perry reviewed request from Mr. Consigli to attend an out of state annual conference in April.

Mr. Harrison motioned and Mr. Morais seconded: to approve request as presented.

..... Unanimous

- c. Gifts

Mr. Harrison motioned and Atty. Holland seconded: to approve gift from Joseph & Renee Callery for the family network in the amount of \$50

..... Unanimous

10. **School Committee Updates:**

- a. Policy: Mr. Morais reviewed the policies that the group is moving ahead with next. He noted the next meeting is February 1st.
- b. Wellness: No update; next meeting January 27th
- c. Middle School East Reuse: Mr. Harrison noted that they are putting together a presentation for the School Committee.
- d. Woodland School Building Committee: None
- e. Technology Task Force: Mr. Erickson reviewed discussion from their last meeting of December 22nd regarding fiber updates and bandwidth as well as the e-rates filing application process.
- f. Climate, Culture & Morale: Mr. Morais reported that Dr. Tremblay has met with the leadership team, and they continue to review the results of the survey. He noted results and an action plan will be presented to the School Committee at a future meeting.

11. **School Liaison Updates**

Mr. Callery reviewed his visit at Brookside.

12. **Future Agenda Items:**

- a. Mr. Harrison asked that a discussion take place on the hiring of a replacement for Dr. McIntyre's present position.
- b. Mr. Harrison suggested that a Town Hall meeting be scheduled with staff and the community to review Dr. McIntyre's taking over Dr. Tremblay's position as Superintendent. Dr. McIntyre reported that they are reviewing and planning and will report back.
- c. Ms. Parson reviewed the email from Dr. McIntyre related to building changes and asked for a future update.

13. **Old Business:** None

14. **Adjournment:** Mr. Harrison motioned and Atty. Holland seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8 p.m.

..... Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Robert A. Tremblay
Secretary

Minutes recorded by:
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