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**MILFORD SCHOOL BOARD
MINUTES
Monday, October 3, 2011**

1. Call to Order:

Mr. Dargie called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM in MHS room #182. Board members present included Mr. Dargie, Mr. Bragdon, Mr. Willette, and Mr. Drew. Mr. Mannino was absent. District Administrators present were Superintendent Suprenant, Assistant Superintendent Johnson, and Business Administrator Chambers.

2. Board Member Comments:

There were no Board Member comments.

3. Public Comments:

There were no Public Comments.

4. Reports and Presentations:

a. Superintendent's Report:

1. The three-week window for statewide testing began today for students in grades three through eight and grade eleven. Building administrators have notified parents of the testing and have developed assessment schedules that we hope will maximum student results.

2. In this year's school calendar, the Board adopted a flexible workshop day to accommodate national primaries. It appears the Secretary of State will set the date sometime in November with two possibilities being January 10th and January 17th. As soon as the date is set, we'll notify parents.

3. Heron Pond's instrumental program was moved to after-school hours this year and was awarded to Carol Chaplin. Her first classes begin tonight. As of Friday, 95 beginning fourth graders had enrolled (similar to previous years), 12 beginning fifth graders (about half of previous years), and 60 returning fifth graders (about 60% of previous years).

4. The Renzulli Gifted and Talented Program will begin this month at the Middle School. Advisor Mike Flynn, Middle School computer teacher, will be hosting an information evening later this month for parents.

b. Quarterly Reports:

GraniteTown Media Advisory Committee: Mr. Maninno was not present this evening and so there was no report given.

Wellness: Mr. Dargie reported that the Committee is discussing participation in the Healthy Schools Challenge program.

ATC: Mr. Drew informed the Board that teacher Rich Paiva will be reporting to the School Board in the near future about the career mentoring and internship program. Mr. Drew also reported that the ATC Committee discussed a list of budget priorities developed by the committee in 2008.

Technology: The first meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 4th.

Professional Development: The Committee has not yet met.

CIP Committee: Mr. Drew reported that the committee is working on a report.

Town - School Study Committee: Business Administrator Chambers reported that financial questions were distributed by the committee to the Superintendent of Schools and Town Administrator. The Committee will meet after the information is received.

c. SINI and DINI Reports:

Assistant Superintendent Johnson and a team of Administrators presented a detailed report on the development of SINI (School in Need of Improvement), and DINI (District in Need of Improvement) plans for the District. Root causes of the designation and strategies for improvement were shared with the Board.

5. New Business:

a. NH Retirement System – State Funding:

Business Administrator Chambers presented options to the School Board for the acceptance of Milford's share of the NHRA employer contribution or \$29,185.23. Ms. Chambers recommended the Board accept the funds as anticipated revenue. The Board agreed to proceed with Ms. Chamber's recommendation.

6. Old Business:

a. Capital Project List: Business Administrator Chambers presented to the School Board a recommended list of capital projects listed by priorities. Mr. Dargie requested that parking be included as part of the list.

b. Policy Proposals:

Policy #3065, Title 1 Parent Involvement (Second Reading): Mr. Drew moved and Mr. Bragdon seconded to approve policy # 3065. Motion carried 4-0.

Policy #3560, Class Size Guidelines (Second Reading); Mr. Bragdon moved and Mr. Drew seconded to approve policy # 3560. Motion carried 3-1 with Mr. Willette opposed.

Policy #6011, Use of Automated External Defibrillators (Second Reading); Mr. Willette moved and Mr. Drew seconded to approve policy #6011. The motion carried 3-1 with Mr. Bragdon opposed.

7. Housekeeping Items:

- a. Approval of Minutes 9/19/11.

Mr. Drew moved and Mr. Bragdon seconded to approve the 9/19/11 minutes. Motion carried 4-0.

- b. Approval of Manifests:

Mr. Dargie moved and Mr. Willette seconded to approve the manifests listed on the agenda. Motion carried 4-0.

8. Public Comment:

There were no public comments.

9. Non Public Session:

Mr. Willette moved and Mr. Bragdon seconded to go into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3II (d) at 8:30 PM. Motion carried 4-0.

Superintendent Suprenant informed the Board about an employee leave of absence.

Mr. Drew moved to exit non-public at 8:59PM. Mr. Bragdon seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

10. Adjournment.

Mr. Drew moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 PM. Mr. Bragdon seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Chairman of the School Board

Date of Signing