

**MILFORD SCHOOL BOARD
MINUTES
Monday, December 19, 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. Willette, Mr. Drew, Mr. Mannino. Mr. Bragdon arrived at 7:15. District Administrators present were Superintendent Suprenant, Assistant Superintendent Johnson, 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. Superintendent Suprenant circulated a copy of the December 11th issue of the NH Sunday News that highlighted the fall all-state athletes and included the Players of the Year in fall sports. Milford's own Morgan Andrews was pictured front and center in the article and was selected as the Girls Soccer Player of the Year. The Superintendent congratulated Morgan.
2. Superintendent Suprenant notified the Board that he was contacted by Town Administrator Guy Scaife, who expressed concerns that the police are having with vandals accessing Woods Road, which is the unpaved access road that Heron Pond uses as an emergency egress from the school site. Mr. Scaife and the town are considering the installation of a locked, swinging gate at the entrance to Woods Road on the school side. The gate would be at the town's expense and a key would be provided to the school. Unless there were Board objectives, Superintendent Suprenant was agreeable to the installation because the school would realize some security advantages.
3. Superintendent Suprenant distributed the NH Public Service 2011 Economic Review to the Board and public. The Review provides a helpful aggregation of a number of statistics relative to NH's economic state.
4. On Friday evening the High School will be hosting a bone marrow drive on behalf of Mrs. Julie Spicer of Milford. Mrs. Spicer was recently diagnosed with an aggressive form of lymphoma and is in need of a bone marrow transplant. Mr. Suprenant encouraged individuals between the ages of 18-55 to register as potential donors. The drive will begin at 3:00 PM. The Superintendent sent well wishes to the Spicer family.

b. High School Chorus Presentation:

The West Street Beat, part of the Milford High School Chorus, under the direction of Mrs. Jen Erdody, opened the meeting by singing two songs for the Board.

5. New Business:

a. New Hampshire School Board Resolutions:

Mr. Willette moved to recommend that Mr. Dargie represent the Board at the New Hampshire School Board Association's convention in January. Mr. Bragdon seconded with an amendment that Mr. Dargie support the overall recommendations as presented by the NHSBA Board of Directors. Motion Carried 5-0.

b. Jacques Memorial Principal Search Committee:

Mr. Bragdon moved to approve the Jacques Memorial Search Committee as presented. Mr. Willette seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

6. Old Business:

a. Proposed Budget:

Superintendent Suprenant provided an update on the budget to the Board.

Budget Committee Chair Joe Stella presented the Budget Committee's recommendation for the budget. The Budget Committee was in disagreement with the Superintendent's recommendations in the following five areas: crossing guards, kindergarten associates, High School assemblies, ATC equipment, and the health teacher position. The unanimous decision of the Budget Committee was to reduce the Superintendent's original presentation by \$533,264 resulting in a bottom line budget of \$36,296,419.

Chairman Dargie recessed the meeting at 7:51PM in order to allow the Superintendent time to study the Budget Committee's recommendations. The meeting resumed at 7:56PM. Mr. Suprenant then responded to the Budget Committee's recommendations.

Following questions and discussion, Mr. Bragdon moved to accept all of the Superintendent's reductions as presented in the December 5th memo except items #16 and #18. Business Administrator Chambers told the Board that would amount to a reduction of \$507,506 for a bottom line figure of \$36,322,137. Mr. Dargie seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

b. Electricity Bid:

Business Administrator Chambers explained the electricity consortium bid and rate summary sheet provided as an exhibit in the Board packet. The overall bid went to Hess. The prices quoted on bid day were used to assign the bid and final prices will be determined on January 11th. If prices hold, the District could experience a savings of about \$35,000.

Mr. Bragdon motioned to authorize the Superintendent/designee to sign the contract with Hess for electricity contingent upon the Town of Milford signing it as well. Mr. Mannino seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

7. Housekeeping Items:

a. Approval of Minutes 12/5/11.

Mr. Bragdon moved and Mr. Drew seconded to approve the 12/5/11 minutes as amended. Motion carried 5-0.

b. Approval of Treasurer's Reports - September and October 2011.

Mr. Willette moved, and Mr. Dargie seconded to approve the September and October 2011 Treasurer's Reports. Motion carried 5-0.

8. Public Comment:

There was no public comment.

9 Non Public Session:

Mr. Bragdon moved and Mr. Mannino seconded to enter non-public session at 8:42 PM. Motion carried 5-0.

The Superintendent updated the Board on the progress of collective bargaining with the Milford Education Support Staff Association.

Mr. Bragdon moved and Mr. Mannino seconded to exit non-public session at 9:05 PM. Motion carried 5-0.

10 Adjournment.

Mr. Bragdon moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:06 PM. Mr. Mannino seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Chairman of the School Board

Date of Signing