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**MILFORD SCHOOL BOARD
MINUTES
Monday, November 7, 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, and Mr. Mannino. Mr. Bragdon was not in attendance. District Administrators present were Superintendent Suprenant, Assistant Superintendent Johnson, and Business Administrator Chambers.

2. Board Member Comments:

Mr. Dargie informed the public of the status of the Superintendent's contract.

3. Public Comments:

There were no public comments.

4. Reports and Presentations:

a. Superintendent's Report:

1. Superintendent Suprenant publicly thanked and acknowledged the work of Fire Chief Kelley in coordinating emergency management meetings with fire, police, highway, and our schools to help determine the safety of opening schools resulting from the October 29th snow storm. Meetings were held daily throughout the clean-up and the Superintendent received thorough advice on the condition of Milford streets for bus services.

2. The Secretary of State has declared January 10th to be New Hampshire's Primary Election Day. As such, that day will be a Teacher Workshop Day so that the Middle School will be free for voters.

3. Senior Logan Barlow had presented to the Board a proposal to install a flag pole near the football field for his Eagle Scout project. Logan has completed the project with an accompanying brick patio around the pole. It is located near the concession stand and looks terrific.

4. The GATES Club, our new gifted and talented program at the middle school, is underway. Teacher and Club Advisor Mike Flynn held a parent night on Wednesday, November 2nd. Approximately 15 parents participated. About 30 student participants meet daily prior to school for 30 minutes and every other Thursday afternoon.

5. It's that time of year again, when Dr. Craven directs his annual theatre production. This year's production, Lend Me A Tenor, will be held November 17th through the 19th at 8:00 PM and Sunday the 20th at 3:00 PM.

6. Parent conferences begin at the elementary and middle schools the week of November 14th through the 21st.

7. Congratulations to Courtney Hawkins for winning the NH Cross Country Meet of Champions last Saturday.

b. Career Development Specialist Presentation:

High School Career Counselor Rich Paiva presented the Career Development Program to the School Board. Mr. Paiva highlighted the internships and accomplishments of students. Over 70 students have participated in internships/work studies over the past 4 years.

5. New Business:

a. 2012 – 2013 Proposed Budget:

Superintendent Suprenant provided an overview of the 2012 – 2013 school budget. Mr. Suprenant informed the School Board that most discretionary spending has been dedicated toward improving technology within the District and in supporting the Mathematics curriculum cycle.

b. New Boston AREA Agreement Inquiry:

Mr. Dargie reviewed his communication from the New Boston School Board Chair. New Boston is looking at alternatives to their current AREA agreement with the Goffstown School District for their students in grades 6-12. Superintendent Suprenant presented a summary of the potential impact of New Boston students on the Milford Middle and High School programs and facilities. Mr. Dargie stated that he was not in favor of moving forward on the proposal at this time. Mr. Willette moved that Milford inform New Boston that we are not in favor of moving forward with a tuition agreement, Mr. Mannino seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

6. Old Business:

a. Electricity Buying Consortium:

At the last meeting, Business Administrator Chambers presented to the Board a possible agreement to enter into a consortium proposed by the Nashua Regional Planning Commission in order to save on electricity costs. At this time, the Commission is looking for a letter of intent to participate in the bidding process. Business Administrator Chambers recommends the Board participate. Participation in the bidding process will not bind the District to participate in the consortium. Participation can be decided at a later date. Mr. Drew moved to authorize the Superintendent to participate in the bidding process. Mr. Willette seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

7. Housekeeping Items:

a. Approval of Minutes 10/17/11.

Mr. Willette moved and Mr. Drew seconded to approve the 10/17/11 minutes. Motion carried 4-0.

b. Approval of Manifests:

Mr. Dargie informed the Board of Mr. Willette's discomfort signing the manifests as he has a relative employed in the District. The Board agreed by consensus to allow Mr. Willette to continue to sign the manifests.

Mr. Willette moved to approve the manifest. Mr. Dargie seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

8. Public Comment:

Mr. John Parker asked the Board if a contingency plan was in place should the Superintendent's part-time employment for the 2012-2013 school year be unsuccessful.

9. Non Public Session:

Mr. Willette moved and Mr. Drew seconded to go into non-public session at 8:45 PM. Motion carried 4-0. Superintendent Suprenant informed the Board of two personnel issues.
Mr. Willette moved, and Mr. Drew seconded to exit non-public at 9:05. Motion carried 4-0.

10. Adjournment.

Mr. Willette moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:06 PM. Mr. Drew seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Chairman of the School Board

Date of Signing