

**MILFORD SCHOOL BOARD  
MINUTES  
Monday, November 21, 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. District Administrators present were Superintendent Suprenant, Assistant Superintendent Johnson, Business Administrator Chambers, and Human Resource Coordinator Jen Burk.

2. Board Member Comments:

There were no Board member comments.

3. Public Comments:

Mr. Richard Wood spoke to the Board about his thoughts on the Board's policy on the default budget. Mr. Wood requested the Board review the calculation of the default budget.

Mr. Wood also addressed the Board's release of their Superintendent's contract and his concern for lack of public input. Mr. Wood requested the Board review their practice of entering into individual contracts. Mr. Bragdon responded that he disagreed with Mr. Wood's opinion.

4. Reports and Presentations:

a. Superintendent's Report:

1. Superintendent Suprenant remarked on the unusual roadway incidents that occurred the past couple of weeks which had impacted school bus routing. On Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, we were notified that Jennison Road would be closed due to bridge and culvert problems. The following Monday parts of Melendy Road were closed due to a fallen power line. On Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, parts of Witten Road were closed due to an automobile accident that caused a fallen telephone pole. In all cases, the work of Katie Chambers and First Student Bus Coordinator Robin Bogle was outstanding in working many extra hours to reschedule the routes and contact parents whose children were affected. Mr. Suprenant publicly thanked and acknowledged the behind the scenes work of Katie and Robin.

2. Superintendent Suprenant distributed a copy of a recent article in the Hippo highlighting the culinary program.

3. Middle School students and Middle School PTO are collecting clothing for SHARE. Interested residents may get on the Middle School website to find out how they can participate.

b. Search Process for Jacques Memorial Principal:

Mr. Drew volunteered and was appointed to the Jacques Memorial Principal Search Committee. The consensus of the Board was to interview one or two finalists.

5. New Business:

a. Financial Forecast: Business Administrator Chambers provided an updated forecast to the School Board, projecting a fund balance of \$500,000.

6. Old Business:

a. Proposed Budget Work Session:

Discussion ensued regarding the proposed budget for the 2012-2013 school year. Mr. Bragdon moved to ask the Superintendent to meet a budget figure that is no higher than \$360,000 above the previous year. Mr. Willette seconded. Mr. Dargie spoke against the motion stating he would like to see a lesser reduction. Mr. Dargie proposed to limit the tax rate impact to 4%. Both Mr. Bragdon and Mr. Dargie indicated they would be willing to apply revenue to meet the budget goal. Mr. Dargie motioned to instruct the Superintendent to come back next Board meeting with two lists, one meeting Mr. Dargie's recommendations, and one list meeting Mr. Bragdon's recommendations, the lists are to be unified and prioritized. Mr. Drew seconded, motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Dargie moved to not have a parking lot warrant article this year. Mr. Bragdon seconded, motion carried 5-0.

7. Housekeeping Items:

a. Approval of Minutes 11/07/11.

Mr. Bragdon moved and Mr. Mannino seconded to approve the 11/07/11 minutes. Motion carried 5-0.

b. Approval of Manifests:

Mr. Dargie moved to approve the manifest. Mr. Willette seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

8. Public Comment:

There was no public comment.

9. Non Public Session:

There was no non public session.

10. Adjournment.

Mr. Bragdon moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 PM. Mr. Drew seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Paul Dargie

Chairman of the School Board

12/5/11

Date of Signing

## French, Janice

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**From:** Paul Dargie <pauldargie@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 22, 2011 10:07 PM  
**To:** Bob Willette; Carrie Woodward-Taylor; Joe Stella; John Parker; John Wynne; Kevin Drew; Len Mannino; Peter Bragdon; Richard Wood; Rob Halstead; Ron Carvell; Scott Kraus; Trisha Shea  
**Cc:** Suprenant, Robert; Chambers, Katherine; Johnson, Laurel; French, Janice  
**Subject:** Clarification of Budget Cut Requests

School Board and Budget Committee members,

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3. My request was to lower the tax rate increase to 4.0% by some combination of spending reductions or revenue increases. If this were done strictly by lowering the spending plan, then the corresponding budget spending plan would be 36,459,683. This is an increase in spending of \$573,446, or 1.6%. This is \$370,000 less than the Superintendent's current budget plan.
4. Peter Bragdon's request was to develop an expense budget of \$36,246,237. This is an increase in spending of \$360,000, or 1.0%. This is \$583,446 less than the Superintendent's current budget plan, and \$213,446 less than my requested budget amount.

Regards,  
Paul Dargie  
Milford School Board Chair

p.s. This email will be added to the minutes of the Monday meeting.

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**From:** Peter Bragdon <peterbragdon@myfairpoint.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 23, 2011 12:29 PM  
**To:** Paul Dargie  
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**Subject:** Re: Clarification of Budget Cut Requests

Technically, I was using a higher base for the current spending plan, as there was a warrant article in March for \$20,220 which passed. So my base for the current spending plan is \$ 35,906,457. Adding \$360,000 to that gives a new target of \$ 36,266,457, slightly higher than the figure Paul shows for me. (Of course that target would need to include any warrant articles for this year, which I believe would only be the one for the contract with MESSA). Peter

At 10:07 PM 11/22/2011, Paul Dargie wrote:

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