

**MILFORD SCHOOL BOARD
MINUTES
Monday, October 17, 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, Mr. Drew, and Mr. Mannino. District Administrators present were Superintendent Suprenant, Assistant Superintendent Johnson, and Business Administrator Chambers.

Mr. Dargie recessed the School Board Meeting and opened the Hearing on Unanticipated Revenue according to RSA 198:20b.

Ms. Chambers described the purpose of the hearing which is to determine the use of a one-time lump sum of \$29,185.23 which is Milford's pro rata portion of the 3.5 million dollars authorized by House Bill 2 (Chapter 224, Laws of 2011) used to offset employer contribution for Group 1 Teacher and Group II Police and Fire members in the NHRS. There were no questions or comments following Ms. Chambers' presentation.

Mr. Dargie closed the hearing at 7:08 PM.

Mr. Dargie re-opened the School Board meeting and requested a motion to accept and expend an additional \$29,185.23 for the purpose of offsetting the District's contributions to the New Hampshire retirement System in 2011-2012.

Mr. Bragdon moved and Mr. Willette seconded to accept the recommendation. The motion carried 5-0.

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:

Superintendent Suprenant distributed a copy of Principal John Foss's retirement letter to the Board, and commended his contributions to the Milford School District.

b. Technology Presentation:

Mr. Dargie moved the meeting to room 161 in the high school to accommodate a planned technology presentation. Information Technology Director Jerry Stajduhar described the state of technology in the Milford School District. Teachers Jen Horne and Alana Crawford, along with two students, demonstrated the use of Smart Board technology.

Superintendent Suprenant commented on the educational value of new technology that will be included in the upcoming budget as part of the Board's goal to upgrade technology in the District.

5. New Business:

a. Electricity Buying Consortium:

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. Ms. Chambers will bring a final proposal to the School Board at the next meeting.

b. Enrollment Projections:

Mr. Dargie presented enrollment projections to the School Board. The Board changed the number of projected ATC tuition students to 35.

Mr. Bragdon moved to accept the enrollment projections as presented with the "other high school figure", (ATC students), changed to 35. Mr. Willette seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

c. School Board Goals – Review of Progress:

Mr. Dargie reviewed the progress of the Board's goals.

6. Old Business:

a. Capital Project List:

Mr. Dargie reviewed the Capital Projects list with the Board. The consensus was to target \$301,028 for Capital Improvements in next year's budget with \$110,000 of that total in a separate warrant article for land purchase for a parking lot.

Mr. Mannino expressed his concerns about prioritizing the VOIP system over installation of Smart Board technology.

b. Sale of Brookview Drive Lots:

Consensus was to have the bid review through the regular bid process and not reviewed at a Board meeting.

7. Housekeeping Items:

a. Approval of Minutes 10/3/11.

Mr. Bragdon moved and Mr. Drew seconded to approve the 10/3/11 minutes. Motion carried 4-0, with Mr. Mannino abstaining.

b. Approval of Manifests:

Mr. Willette moved and Mr. Dargie seconded to approve the manifests listed on the agenda. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Bragdon moved to suspend the rules to deal with an item not on the agenda. Mr. Drew seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Bragdon moved and Mr. Willette seconded to approve the Professional Nominations presented:

Therese Gregoire – Long Term Sub – Psychologist at JMS.
Christine Shaw – Special Education Teacher at JMS.

Motion carried 5-0.

8. Public Comment:

There were no public comments.

9. Non Public Session:

Mr. Bragdon moved and Mr. Drew seconded to go into non-public session at 8:50 PM. Motion carried 5-0.

The Board discussed a personnel issue. Mr. Bragdon moved and Mr. Drew seconded a motion for the chair to enter into an employment contract with the Superintendent of Schools, as presented, for the term of July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013. The motion passed 5-0.

At 9:10, Mr. Bragdon moved and Mr. Willette seconded a motion to exit non-public session. The motion passed 5-0.

10. Adjournment.

Mr. Bragdon moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 PM. Mr. Willette seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Chairman of the School Board

Date of Signing