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**MILFORD SCHOOL BOARD
MINUTES
Tuesday, September 6, 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. Mannino, Mr. Willette, and Mr. Drew. Superintendent Suprenant was also in attendance.

2. Board Member Comments:

There were no Board Member comments.

3. Public Comments:

Parent Jennifer Chandler expressed concern to the School Board about the lack of school bus transportation for Middle and High School students who reside at Birchwood Drive. Birchwood Drive does not meet School Board Policy 2135 that requires a minimum distance of 1.5 miles from the schools for students to be eligible for Middle and High School bus transportation. Discussion ensued relative to the frequency of policy revision, the validity of Mapquest measurements, and student safety. The Board took no action on Mrs. Chandler's request.

4. Reports and Presentations:

a. Superintendent's Report:

Superintendent Suprenant reported on the opening of the schools. Monday and Tuesday were staff workshop days, with students returning on Wednesday, August 31st. Heron Pond and Jacques Memorial Schools had well-attended ice cream social orientations for students and parents. Classes and school busses have run well for the first few days of school, though Ms. Chambers has received a high volume of calls about bus stops this year.

Not counting pre-school and ATC tuition students, enrollment as of September 6th was at 2,708 – not far from the Board's projection of 2,726. The greatest discrepancies from the projections are in kindergarten, first grade, and grade seven. Kindergarten is at 127, 19 less than the projection while first grade is at 192, 10 less than the projection. The seventh grade, on the other hand, is currently at 202, 15 higher than anticipated.

A great deal of time and resources were committed last year towards implementing the new bullying prevention legislation. A total of 27 bullying incidents were confirmed by administration resulting from 71 reports. Most of the confirmed reports were at the Middle School – 16, while 10 were confirmed at the High School and one at Heron Pond. Of the 27 confirmed reports, 11 involved cyberbullying. Superintendent Suprenant commended the building administrators for the extent to which each report was investigated.

b. Job Coach Program, Sage School – Kristi Bradshaw:

Kristi Margaritis Bradshaw presented to the Board the Job Mentor program at the Sage and High Schools. She explained the mission of the program and highlighted many of its successes. Kristi works with about 50-60 students annually at both Sage and the High School in a variety of job-related and transition activities.

c. Annual Report from the Director of Building and Grounds – William Cooper:

Director of Buildings and Grounds Bill Cooper described the efforts of the Buildings and Grounds staff this summer. Some of the projects completed included removal of trees, installation of security equipment, and replacement of carpeting in classrooms. Mr. Cooper commended the work of the maintenance and custodial staff.

5. New Business:

a. Adoption of Budget Process Guidelines:

Mr. Dargie explained the changes he would like implemented as part of the Board's budget process guidelines. Mr. Bragdon moved to accept the budget process guidelines with proposed changes for the 2012-2013 budget. Mr. Willette seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

6. Old Business:

a. Policy Proposal: Deletion of Policy # 6025, High School Building Security Policy. Mr. Bragdon moved and Mr. Willette seconded to delete policy # 6025. Motion carried 5-0.

7. Housekeeping Items:

a. Approval of Minutes 8/15/11.

Mr. Bragdon moved to accept the minutes as amended. Mr. Drew seconded. Motion carried 4-0 with Mr. Willette abstaining.

b. Approval of Manifests:

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

8. Public Comment:

Mrs. Chandler inquired as to whether the District has an individual who is hired to write grants.

9. Non Public Session:

There was no non public session.

10. Adjournment.

Mr. Bragdon moved and Mr. Willette seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 PM. Motion carried 5-0.

Chairman of the School Board

Date of Signing