

**MILFORD SCHOOL BOARD  
MINUTES  
Monday, April 2, 2012**

**Call to Order:**

School Board Chairman Paul Dargie called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM in room 182 in the Milford High School. Board members present included Mr. Robert Willette, Mr. Kevin Drew, Mr. Len Mannino, and Mr. Peter Bragdon. Also present were District Administrators Superintendent Robert Suprenant, Assistant Superintendent Laurel Johnson, and Business Administrator Katherine Chambers.

**Board Member Comments:**

Mr. Dargie commented favorably on the Vendor Fair held at the Sage School on Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, and encouraged the District to do it again next year. He suggested hosting the Fair on a Saturday or during an Open House to improve parent attendance.

Mr. Drew reported that four Destination Imagination Teams from Milford competed this past weekend and two of those will be moving on to Global competitions.

Mr. Mannino commented on traffic issues at the Jacques Memorial School.

**Public Comment:**

There were no public comments.

**Reports and Presentations:**

a. Superintendent's Report

1. The Middle School hosted a very successful Career Day last Thursday. A number of individuals donated their time to provide information to our eighth grade students about their respective careers, ranging from air traffic controllers to veterinarians. Congratulations and thank you to the Unified Arts teachers for organizing the day's activities.
2. The Parent Vendor Fair at the Bales gym on Friday was a successful event with between 40-50 parents attending throughout the day. Those who attended certainly had the opportunity to become informed of the many local services available to young people of all ages. Thank you to the thirty two vendors who participated.
3. The Board will recall that administration met with the Police Chief and staff about the traffic back-up onto Elm Street at the Jacques/Bales entrance. The problem occurs when parents and school busses cannot access the site because there is no more room on the site as busses and parent vehicles wait for 8:15 when children can leave their vehicles and enter school. We've assigned an aide to be stationed at the entrance to direct on-site traffic so that busses will have room to enter the loop. Private vehicles will have to move elsewhere to allow for bus entrance. We'll have to compensate the aide for an additional 15 minutes per day.

4. High School administration would like to schedule graduation for Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup>. Based on the minimum number of hours required, our seniors will have satisfied the equivalent of 175 school days by that date. Our last day of school at this point is scheduled for Monday, June 18<sup>th</sup> and, barring any further weather days, it's very likely I will ask the Board in the near future to waive that final, last half day of school for students.

5. The unfortunate BB gun incident last week at the Heron Pond School certainly generated a great deal of publicity. I just want to say that administration acted promptly to the incident and handled it with all the seriousness that it warranted.

b. Quarterly Reports:

Granite Town Media Advisory Committee: Mr. Mannino reported that the next meeting will be on April 12<sup>th</sup>.

Wellness Committee: Mr. Dargie reported that the high school wellness team was awarded funding through the "Let's Play 60" program. He also spoke on the Youth Risk Behavior Survey and the high school flash mob presentation.

ATC: Mr. Drew reported that their last meeting included discussions on enrollment issues and that the committee is interested in bringing certain concerns to the School Board.

Technology Committee: Mr. Dargie discussed the network issues associated with Windows 2000.

Professional Development Committee: Ms. Johnson reported that the committee has been working on the rewriting of the Professional Development Plans.

CIP: Mr. Drew reported that the committee meeting is next month.

Town/School Study Committee: Ms. Chambers reported that the committee is working on sifting through the initial data to determine potential areas of collaboration. Mr. Mannino acknowledged the efforts of Ms. Chambers and the District's Business Office in collecting information for the committee.

New Business:

a. Discussion of Board Plans for Staff Recognition Day:

The Board agreed to provide cookies and fruit to the staff for Staff Recognition Day.

Old Business:

a. Approval of School Board Goals:

After discussion the Board agreed on the following goals.

1. Monitor the implementation of the Superintendent's 2012-2013 contractual arrangement and evaluate its efficacy during the budget development.

2. Negotiate with The Milford Teachers Association, The Milford Educational Support Staff Association, and The Milford Education Personnel Association for successor collective bargaining agreements to present to the voters on the March warrant.

3. Develop a process for the Board to synthesize student assessment data.

4. Review the ATC programs and structures to ensure the District is preparing students for today's economy.

Parking at the High School and technology will be considered two other areas of focus.

Housekeeping Items:

a. Approval of Minutes 3/19/12:

Mr. Mannino moved and Mr. Drew seconded to approve the 3/19/12 minutes. Motion passed 4-0-1, with Mr. Bragdon abstaining.

b. Approval of Manifests:

Mr. Willette moved and Mr. Dargie seconded to approve the listed manifests. All in favor 5-0.

Public Comment:

There was no public comment.

Non-Public Session RSA 91-A:3II (c):

Mr. Willette moved and Mr. Mannino seconded to enter non-public session at 8:22 PM. All in favor 5-0.

1. The Superintendent updated the Board on a parent's request to allow his non-resident children to remain in the Milford School District.
2. The Superintendent provided an update to the Board on the employment status of a staff member
3. The Superintendent provided an update to the Board on the resolution of a parent complaint.
4. The Superintendent provided an update on the recent weapon incident at the Heron Pond School.
5. The Board approved a sick bank request for a teacher. Mr. Bragdon moved and Mr. Mannino seconded to approve the sick bank request. All in favor 5-0.
6. The Board reviewed a request for final sick leave compensation from Mr. John Foss.

Mr. Bragdon moved to exit non-public at 8:55 PM. Mr. Willette seconded. All in favor 5-0.

Adjournment

Mr. Bragdon moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 PM. Mr. Willette seconded. All in favor 5-0.

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Chairman of the School Board

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Date of signing

The Mission of the Milford School District is to provide a quality education that challenges all students to succeed.