

**MILFORD SCHOOL BOARD**  
**Monday, February 6, 2012**

1. Call to Order:

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

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:

1. Suprenant Suprenant distributed a letter that he received from the Chairperson of the Monadnock Valley Music Festival thanking high school music teachers Jen Erdody and Brad Smith for their efforts in coordinating the music festival this year at the Amato Center in December.

Other distributions included a Coaches Vs. Cancer Newsletter highlighting the efforts of area schools, including Milford and Souhegan, to raise money for cancer awareness, and a copy of an article appearing in the Telegraph written by MHS student Adna Glusac describing the fund-raising efforts for SHARE by members of our Interact Club.

2. The delayed opening schedule for this Wednesday includes some excellent workshops planned for parents at three different schools by the Special Education department. At the high school, there will be a workshop for parents of autistic students. The Middle School will host a workshop for parents dealing with adolescent behavior. The Jacques School staff will present a workshop for parents describing how technology can be used to enhance language skills. All sessions are from 8:00 – 9:00 AM.

3. Under the direction of teacher Pam Moreau, Middle School students have been participating in the Box Tops for Education program for the past 5 years. This year the students have raised enough money to purchase custom made shades for the library, in particular the triangular windows. Past purchases include camcorders, DVD players, and digital cameras. Congratulations

and thank you to Mrs. Moreau and middle school students.

4. Superintendent Suprenant congratulated Logan Barlow for completing his Eagle Scout requirements. Logan installed the flagpole on the athletic field next to the concession stand.

5. Assistant Superintendent Johnson reviewed with the Board the NECAP results that were released last week. Results showed increases in all subjects over the previous year.

b. School District Goals, 6 Month Progress Report:

The Administration described their progress toward District Goals to the School Board.

5. New Business:

a. Appointment to TIF District Board:

Ms. Chambers reviewed the role of the TIF District Board. The School Board appointed Business Administrator Chambers to the TIF District Board.

b. Policy Proposals:

1. Policy 2295, Acceptable Computer, Network, and Internet Use Policy (1<sup>st</sup> reading).

Ms. Johnson explained the reason for the recommended changes to the existing Internet Use Policy. Mr. Mannino questioned how the policy addressed NH cyberbullying laws and how the policy is handled with young students.

Mr. Drew asked for clarification of the filtering software.

Mr. Bragdon moved to approve the first reading of policy 2295. Mr. Willette seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

2. Policy 2503, Evaluation of Teacher Job Performance (1<sup>st</sup> reading).

Mr. Dargie recommended striking "any school district" from the Committee's proposal. Mr. Bragdon moved to approve 1<sup>st</sup> reading of policy 2503. Mr. Willette seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

3. Policy 3526, Parental Objections to Specific Course Material (1<sup>st</sup> reading).

Superintendent Suprenant presented the policy which was developed in response to new legislation. Discussion ensued as to what would happen if a mutual alternative could not be agreed upon. Mr. Bragdon said that it was his understanding of the intent of the legislation that if there is no agreement between the parent and the District, the District's plan would take place.

Mr. Dargie stated the District would agree with that and the District will have final say if no agreement is reached with the parent/guardian.

Mr. Bragdon moved to approve the first reading of policy 3526. Mr. Willette seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

4. Policy 3531, High School Graduation Requirements (1<sup>st</sup> reading).

Superintendent Suprenant provided an overview of the changes to the existing policy.

Mr. Bragdon moved to approve 1<sup>st</sup> reading. Mr. Mannino seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

6. Old Business:

a. 2012-2013 School Warrant.

Mr. Dargie reminded the Board there would be a School Board meeting prior to Thursday's Deliberative Session at 6:45.

7. Housekeeping Items.

a. Nomination:

Mr. Bragdon moved to approve Patricia Roberts as part-time high school mathematics teacher.. Mr. Drew seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

b. Approval of Minutes 1/17/12:

Mr. Bragdon moved to approve the minutes of the January 17, 2012 School Board Meeting. Mr. Drew seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

c. Approval of Budget Hearing Minutes 1/17/12:

Mr. Bragdon moved to approve the minutes of the Budget Hearing, January 17, 2012. Mr. Willette seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

d. Approval of Manifests:

Mr. Willette moved to approve the listed manifests. Mr. Drew seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

8. Public Comment.

There was no public comment.

9. Nonpublic Session.

Mr. Bragdon moved to enter non-public session at 8:00 PM. Mr. Willette seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Bragdon moved to approve a Sick Bank request for a staff member. Mr. Willette seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Ms. Chambers updated the Board on the progress of the sale of Brookview properties. The Board agreed to allow the Administration to continue to pursue the disposition of the Brookview properties.

The Superintendent apprised the Board of a parental complaint.

Mr. Bragdon moved to exit non-public at 8:27 PM. Mr. Willette seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

10 Adjournment.

Mr. Bragdon moved to adjourn at 8:28 PM. Mr. Willette seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

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Chairman of the School Board

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Date of Signing