

MILFORD SCHOOL BOARD
Tuesday, January 17, 2012

1. Call to Order:

Mr. Dargie called the Budget Hearing 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.

Mr. Dargie recessed the Hearing and then called the School Board meeting to order at 7:00PM. He then moved to agenda item 4b for the We the People National Competition funding request and presentation.

Teacher Mr. Dave Alcox and a group of students requested funding for travel to Washington D.C. for the National We the People Competition. The students introduced themselves and shared a sample of their presentation related to the First Amendment.

Mr. Bragdon moved that the District contribute \$1,500.00 to the We the People team for the National Competition as recommended by the Superintendent. Mr. Willette seconded.

Mr. Dargie, citing the policy that allows an increase in funding at the Board's discretion, moved to amend the total donation to 10% of the total cost of the trip, or \$5,000.00. Mr. Bragdon seconded. Following discussion, the Board approved the contribution 3-2 with Mr. Bragdon and Mr. Willette in opposition.

Mr. Dargie recessed the School Board meeting at 7:42 in order to re-open the Budget Hearing at 7:45. Mr. Dargie reviewed the budget as developed by the School Board and presented in the Budget Hearing Booklet. (see Budget Hearing minutes).

Mr. Dargie closed the Budget Hearing at 8:20 and resumed the School Board meeting at 8:20.

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. Mr. Suprenant acknowledged Sage job coach, Kristi Bradshaw, for obtaining a grant for the Sage School in the amount of \$1,400.00 for the school's Play 60 goals. The Fuel Up to Play 60 program is sponsored by the New England Dairy and Food Council and the NFL. The intent is to use the funds to provide incentives for healthy eating plans and physical activity plans for students.

2. Long-time Milford Driving Instructor Director Steve O'Keefe has resigned from the Director's position after 26 years of service. Steve is relocating and will be unable to continue in that position.

3. Superintendent Suprenant congratulated middle school student Michael Pellitteri for winning the school's Geography Bee contest. Michael is now eligible for the state contest.

4. The first round of the Jacques Principal interviews will take place next Wednesday and Thursday afternoon and evening with the Board's Search Committee. Superintendent Suprenant reported that 42 people applied for the position and the Committee will interview a good selection of high quality candidates.

5.. New Business:

There was no new business.

6. Old Business:

a. Approval of 2012-2013 School Warrant.

The Board referred to the 2012-2013 Warrant which is included in the Budget Hearing Packet.

Article 1: An operating budget of \$36,332,137 and a default budget of \$35,850,657. Mr. Bragdon made a motion to place Article 1 on the ballot. Mr. Willette seconded. Motion carried 5-0. School Board supports 5-0.

Article 2: Milford Educational Support Staff Association contract. A one year contract with a net increase of \$8,700.00. Mr. Willette made a motion to place Article 2 on the ballot, indicating the note after the article would be removed upon the recommendation of Attorney Drescher and the N.H. Department of Revenue Administration. Mr. Bragdon seconded. Motion carried 5-0. School Board supports 5-0.

Article 3: Special meeting if warrant article 2 is defeated. Mr. Willette moved to place Article 3 on the ballot. Mr. Bragdon seconded. Motion carried 5-0. School Board supports 4-1 with Mr. Mannino opposed.

Article 4: To transact any other business. Mr. Bragdon moved to place Article 4 on the ballot. Mr. Willette seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

7. Housekeeping Items.

a. Approval of Minutes 1/2/12. Mr. Bragdon moved to approve the 1/2/12 minutes. Mr. Drew seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

b. Approval of Minutes Non-Public 1/6/12. Mr. Bragdon moved to approve the 1/6/12 non-public minutes. Mr. Drew seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

c. Approval of Manifests: Mr. Willette motioned to approve the manifests listed on the agenda. Mr. Dargie 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 8:30. Mr. Drew 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.

Mr. Bragdon moved to exit non-public at 8:35. Mr. Willette seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

10 Adjournment.

Mr. Bragdon moved to adjourn at 8:36. Mr. Willette seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Chairman of the School Board

Date of Signing