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**MILFORD SCHOOL BOARD
MINUTES**

Monday, March 19, 2012

Call to Order:

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

Organization of School Board (per policy 2154)

a. Election of Officers

1. Chairperson: Mr. Willette nominated Mr. Dargie. Motion passed 4-0.
2. Vice Chairperson: Mr. Dargie nominated Mr. Bragdon. Motion passed 4-0.
3. Secretary: Assigned to the SAU.

b. Appointments

1. Truant Officer (RSA 189:34 & 35): The Milford Police Department will continue to serve in this capacity.

c. School Board Representatives to Advisory Committees:

1. Professional Development Committee: Paul Dargie
2. ATC Regional Center Advisory Committee: Kevin Drew
3. Technology Committee: Paul Dargie
4. Wellness Committee: Paul Dargie
5. Granite Town Media Advisory Committee: Len Mannino
6. RSEC: Bert Becker
7. Joint Services Committee: Len Mannino
8. CIP: Kevin Drew

d. School Board Standing Sub-Committees:

1. Finance: Paul Dargie and Bob Willette
2. Policy Review: Paul Dargie and Bob Willette

Board Member Comments:

Mr. Dargie thanked the voting members of Milford for their support in passing the School District budget and the MESSA agreement.

Public Comment:

Ms. Lisa Rancourt, an Art teacher at the Heron Pond School, spoke of her qualifications and desire to continue as an Art teacher at Heron Pond.

Mr. Dave Alcox updated the Board on the "We the People's" progress in fundraising for their trip to Washington to compete in the national competition.

Reports and Presentations:

a. Superintendent's Report

1. Superintendent Suprenant reported on individual student achievements. First he congratulated Joe Albina and Andrew Bellantoni for winning their Division II Wrestling Championships in their weight classifications. He also congratulated the entire wrestling team for finishing second in the Division All State Tournament. Logan Barlow was named NHIAA Student-Athlete of the Month for February. Eighth grader Mike Pellitteri will represent the Middle School in the State Geography Bee contest in Keene on March 30th, while middle school home schooled student Jed Jones competed in the State Finals of the Spelling Bee contest.

2. The High School's Wellness Committee has been awarded \$4,000.00 by the New England Dairy and Food Council for a successful application to the Fuel Up to Play 60 Program. The Committee will use the funds to develop healthy eating plans and physical activity plans for students. The Board will recall that Sage Associate Kristi Bradshaw was awarded \$1,400.00 earlier by the same organization.

3. The bone marrow donor drive hosted by the High School on December 23rd has actually generated two additional donor matches, which is considered exceptional by those individuals who conduct such drives. I've been informed by organizer Brenda Walker that just under 400 people registered to be donors in Milford alone.

4. Superintendent Suprenant publicly acknowledged Katie Chambers, Linda Albert, and Barbara Richardson in the Business Office for their efforts in Meeting the request for information for the Joint Services Committee.

5. The Superintendent informed the Board that a column at the entrance to the Middle School had been struck by one of our Building and Grounds crew while plowing the March 21st snowstorm. The column has been evaluated by a structural engineer, and the building is safe. We're in the process of having the brickwork repaired.

6. The Special Education Department has organized a Parent Vendor Fair scheduled for the Bales Gym on March 30th from 8:00 until 3:30. Many parent services will be available such as hearing and vision tests, kindergarten registration and a host of informational tables including Child and Family Services, SHARE, Opportunity Networks, and the Milford Regional Counseling Center. Special thanks to the Director of Special Services, Johanna Johnson, for organizing the event.

7. Superintendent Suprenant, Business Administrator Katie Chambers, and Principal John Foss will be meeting with the Police Department to discuss possible solutions to the problem of traffic congestion spilling out onto the oval from the Jacques Memorial School in the morning.

8. The new Jacques Principal, Nancy Maguire, met with the Jacques staff last Thursday during a meet and greet, and met with new parents at their open house Thursday night. Nancy will spend three days between now and June in Milford.

New Business:

a. Technology Proposal:

IT Director Jerry Stajduhar described to the School Board the status of the District network. An issue with our operating system, Windows 2000, was brought to his attention when he attempted to upgrade the Budget Sense server, which handles all of the District's financial information, payroll processes, and Human Resources information. Due to lack of compatibility with Windows 2000, the server is at risk of losing its functionality in late June. Similar issues exist with printer servers, Power School, and all other servers in the District.

After discussion, Mr. Drew moved to authorize the administration to spend up to \$95,000 for a technical study and exploration of a parallel network as a solution to the issue. Mr. Mannino seconded. All in favor 4-0.

b. School Board Calendar for New Term:

The Board moved the notification of early retirements to the first December meeting. Mr. Mannino moved to approve the calendar as amended. Mr. Drew seconded. All in favor 4-0.

c. School Board Goals for New Term – Preliminary Discussion:

The School Board discussed goals for next year. The following was listed for discussion at subsequent meetings; possible superintendent search, 3 collective bargaining agreements, test data, continuing tech improvements, parking at the high school, review of status of Applied Tech Center.

d. School District Calendar 2012 -2013:

Mr. Mannino moved to approve next year's school calendar as presented. Mr. Willette seconded. All in favor 4-0.

Housekeeping Items:

a. Approval of Minutes 2/20/12:

Mr. Willette moved and Mr. Drew seconded to approve the 2/20/12 minutes. All in favor 4-0.

b. Approval of Manifests:

Mr. Willette moved and Mr. Dargie seconded to approve the listed manifests. All in favor 4-0.

c. Approval of Treasurer's Report - December 2011:

Mr. Willette moved and Mr. Dargie seconded to approve the December 2011 Treasurer's Report. All in favor 4-0.

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

Mr. Willette moved and Mr. Drew seconded to enter non-public session at 8:47 PM.

1. The Superintendent updated the Board about the tenure status of a teacher.
2. The School Board reviewed a request from a parent to allow his non-resident children to remain in the District for the remainder of the school year. The Board directed the Superintendent to determine the status of residency and to use his discretion in allowing the children to remain in the District.
3. Mr. Drew moved and Mr. Willette seconded to approve salary adjustments for the Administrative Assistant, Human Resources Coordinator, and the Accountant. All in favor 4-0.

Mr. Drew moved to exit non-public at 9:55. Mr. Willette seconded. All on favor 4-0.

Adjournment

Mr. Willette moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:56 PM. Mr. Mannino seconded. All in favor 4-0.

Chairman of the School Board

Date of signing