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**MILFORD SCHOOL BOARD
MINUTES
Monday, May 21, 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 presented a letter he received from U.S. Representative Charles Bass, who hosted the Milford School District's We the People team when they were in Washington DC. Representative Bass commended the We the People students on their accomplishments.

Public Comment:

There were no public comments.

Reports and Presentations:

a. Superintendent's Report:

1. The Superintendent informed the Board about two anti-bullying assemblies to be held on Friday, May 25th, at the High School and the Middle School. The assemblies will be presented by John Halligan, a national speaker and father who lost a thirteen year old son in 2003. Mr. Halligan's son, Ryan, was a victim of incessant bullying. The assemblies are part of the District's efforts to raise bullying awareness.
2. The Middle School will hold a Chorus Concert on Tuesday, May 22, at 7:00 PM and a Band Concert on Wednesday, May 23, at 7:00 PM. The Middle School graduation will be Thursday night, June 14, at 6:30 PM.
3. The Heron Pond School hosted an evening for parents to discuss the school's efforts to help students improve school behavior. About 15 parents attended along with a number of school teachers and staff. Principal Bonaccorsi and Assistant Principal Alcox provided an overview of the school's traditional disciplinary efforts along with an RTI behavior management plan the school is working on. There was excellent dialogue with parents along with some good suggestions.
4. The Superintendent reported that the US News and World Report has named the Milford High School as a "nationally recognized high school". U.S. News inputs various data, including test scores and school programming, from 22,000 high schools across the country. They then factor those types of scores with demographic data such as free and reduced lunch to arrive at an index score that represents schools that meet the needs of all

learners. Milford High was one of thirteen NH high schools to be recognized, though we were not ranked in our bronze medal status tier. Superintendent Suprenant congratulated Dr. Craven, Milford High Principal, along with the High School faculty and staff for this wonderful honor.

b. Student Intern Presentation:

Mr. Rich Paiva, High School Career Development Specialist, gave an overview of his Career Focused Internship Class. Three seniors and a former graduate spoke of their experiences as interns and how they gained the skill sets and insights needed to pursue education in their chosen profession. Aaron Morton, interned at State Line Gun Shop in Mason, for Gunsmithing. Meghan Sapienza interned at Barbour Corp. for Fashion Merchandising. Ashley Federico interned at Degree Control for Mechanical/Electrical Engineering. Emily Graves, a graduate of 2010 is now a nursing student at Husson University in Maine and spent her internship at St. Joseph's Medical Center in Milford.

c. Review of District Goals 2011-2012:

Superintendent Suprenant reviewed the progress toward District goals this school year.

New Business:

a. 2012-2013 Proposed District Goals:

Superintendent Suprenant presented the proposed District Goals for the 2012-2013 school year. Discussion ensued regarding the new National School Lunch program and USDA regulations.

Mr. Bragdon moved to approve proposed District goals A,B,C,D,F. Mr. Willette seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Bragdon moved to approve goal E. Mr. Willette seconded. Motion passed 4-1 with Mr. Mannino in opposition.

b. Annual Adoption of Investment Policy:

Mr. Bragdon moved to readopt Investment Policy # 2326. Mr. Willette seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

d. Mr. Dargie skipped to item 5d.

Bid Award - Waste Disposal Services 2012-2013:

Business Administrator Chambers described the process and proposal for solid waste removal. Mr. Willette moved to approve the Waste Disposal Services as recommended. Mr. Bragdon seconded. All in favor 5-0.

e. Bid Award – Buildings and Grounds Truck:

Business Administrator Chambers described the bid process and recommended purchase from Quirk Chevrolet/GMC for \$46,655.00. Mr. Mannino moved to approve the recommended bid. Mr. Bragdon seconded. All in favor 5-0.

c. Policy Proposals:

1. Policy 2403 Sexual Harassment (1st Reading).
2. Policy 2404 Dispute Procedure (1st Reading).

Business Administrator Chambers explained the changes to these two policies are due to the recommendation of Primex, our insurance company. Discussion ensued regarding the dispute procedure and how sexual harassment claims are investigated by the District and reported to appropriate authorities. The Board requested the Superintendent look into the State and Federal Laws for clarity regarding sexual harassment.

Mr. Bragdon moved to approve the first reading of policies 2403 and 2404. Mr. Willette seconded. All in favor 5-0.

Old Business:

a. Policy Proposals:

1. Policy 4020, Communicable Diseases, 2nd reading. Mr. Bragdon moved to approve the second reading of policy 4020. Mr. Willette seconded. All in favor 5-0.

2. Policy 2164, School Board Communications, 2nd reading. The Board reviewed the recommended changes from Attorney Barrett Christina from the New Hampshire School Board Association. Mr. Dargie explained that the changes are for clarification and are not substantive changes. Mr. Bragdon moved to approve the second reading, as amended, of policy 2164. Mr. Mannino seconded. All in favor 5-0.

Housekeeping Items:

a. Approval of Minutes 5/7/12:

Mr. Bragdon moved and Mr. Drew seconded to approve the 5/7/12 minutes. All in favor 5-0.

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.

Mr. Bragdon moved and Mr. Mannino seconded to enter non-public session at 8:30 PM. All in favor 5-0.

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

Mr. Suprenant apprised the Board of a student situation.

The Board reviewed collective bargaining issues.

Mr. Bragdon moved to exit non-public at 9:45. Mr. Drew seconded. All in favor 5-0.

Adjournment:

Mr. Drew moved to adjourn the Board meeting at 9:45. Mr. Willette seconded. All in favor 5-0.

Chairman of the School Board

Date of signing

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