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**MILFORD SCHOOL BOARD
MINUTES
Monday, August 20, 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. Kevin Drew and Mr. Robert Willette. Mr. Len Mannino and Mr. Peter Bragdon were absent. Also present were District Administrators Superintendent Robert Suprenant, Assistant Superintendent Laurel Johnson, and Business Administrator Katherine Chambers.

Board Member Comments:

There were no Board member comments.

Public Comment:

There were no public comments.

Reports and Presentations:

a. Superintendent's Report:

1. Superintendent Suprenant reported they were only eight days away from welcoming 2,800 students back to the schools.
2. The Superintendent reported on the District's new website. He told the Board they have received some informal positive feedback on the site for its ease of navigation and its features. There is still information to be uploaded at the building levels, but it represents a significant improvement from the previous site. The teachers will be developing teacher pages to better communicate with students and parents as the year progresses. The Superintendent acknowledged the work of Jen Burk and Janice French for their help in launching the new site.
3. District-wide registration days were held at the High School Cafeteria. The first was held on August 15th, and the second on August 21st, from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm. The Superintendent told the Board that it was a good opportunity for parents to complete the necessary paperwork in a centralized location.
4. Superintendent Suprenant notified the Board of staffing changes to classified positions that he would like to implement. An additional half-time kindergarten teacher, pending Board approval, will be added using federal class-size reduction funds due to the fact that registrations have increased significantly to 166 students. (141 students were projected). That still leaves the student-teacher ratio at 18.4:1, well above the 16:1 guideline. The Superintendent suggested the hire of three part-time aides at \$7,325 using the dollars saved (\$47,220), by hiring less experienced teachers and by not filling a part-time tech

associate position (\$4,707). This would ensure one aide and one teacher for each morning session. The cost is \$17,268.00.

5. One other change the Superintendent would like to implement is to move one of our remaining part-time IT staff members to full-time with benefits. This summer two part-time IT individuals resigned. The Superintendent intends to freeze the hiring of replacements for those two individuals, and utilize that salary for the full time position. The individual chosen is a highly skilled and high quality person that all agree offers a great deal to technology within the District.

6. The Superintendent invited The Board to the District-wide opening breakfast which will occur next Tuesday at 8:30 in the High School Cafeteria.

7. The Superintendent invited Assistant Superintendent, Ms. Johnson, and Business Administrator, Ms. Chambers to add any highlights. Assistant Superintendent Johnson reported that 324 students participated in summer school programs this year and also provided highlights of the technology work done in the District this summer.

Ms. Chambers reported that the kitchen managers worked this summer to prepare for the new Federal nutritional guidelines.

b. Granite Town Media Policy and Procedure Manual – Mike McInerney:

Mr. McInerney provided the Board with an overview of the new Granite State Media Policy and Procedure Manual, referencing the school content guidelines. Mr. Dargie commended Mr. McInerney for the level of detail provided.

New Business:

a. There was no new business:

Old Business:

a. Appointments to ATC Advisory Committee:

Mr. Willette moved to accept the nominations of John Leslie, Carolyn Magri-Halstead and Joe Stella as Milford community members on the Regional Center Advisory Committee. Mr. Drew seconded. All in favor 3-0.

b. Policy Proposals:

1. Policy 3565 Independent Educational Evaluations (2nd Reading).

Mr. Willette moved to approve the 2nd reading. Mr. Drew seconded. All in favor 3-0.

2. Policy 4075 Service Animals (2nd Reading).

Mr. Drew moved to approve the 2nd reading. Mr. Willette seconded. All in favor 3-0.

3. Policy 4080 Special Physical Health Needs of Students (2nd Reading).

Mr. Willette moved to approve the 2nd reading. Mr. Drew seconded. All in favor 3-0.

Housekeeping Items:

a. Nominations:

Elizabeth Casey– Part-time Kindergarten Teacher.

Mr. Drew moved to approve the listed nomination. Mr. Willette seconded. All in favor 3-0.

b. Approval of Minutes 6/18/12:

Mr. Drew moved and Mr. Willette seconded to approve the 6/18/12 minutes. All in favor 3-0.

c. Approval of Minutes 7/18/12.

Minutes moved to next meeting for approval.

d. Approval of Manifests:

Mr. Dargie moved and Mr. Willette seconded to approve the listed manifests. All in favor 3-0.

Public Comment:

There was no public comment.

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

Mr. Drew moved and Mr. Willette seconded to enter non-public session at 7:52 PM. All in favor 3-0.

a. Personnel:

The Board discussed a situation involving school personnel and school equipment.

b. Collective Bargaining:

The Board discussed collective bargaining strategies.

Mr. Willette moved and Mr. Drew seconded to exit non-public session at 9:17 PM. All in favor 3-0.

Adjournment:

Mr. Willette moved to adjourn the Board meeting at 9:17. Mr. Drew seconded. All in favor 3-0.

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.