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**MILFORD SCHOOL BOARD
MINUTES
Monday, January 7, 2013**

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, Mr. Robert Willette, 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:

Chairman Dargie informed the Board of a letter from the Department of Transportation inviting the public to attend a meeting on Tuesday, January 8, 2013 to discuss improvements to Route 101, Route 13, and South Street.

Chairman Dargie informed the Board of upcoming Board meetings. There is a potential for the February 18th Board meeting to be cancelled and possibly the March 4th meeting because it is right before voting. The January 22nd meeting has been replaced with the January 15th meeting for the Budget and Bond Hearing. There will be no meeting on the 22nd of January.

Public Comment:

There were no public comments.

Reports and Presentations:

a. Superintendent's Report:

Superintendent Suprenant congratulated three Milford High School senior girls who made all-state honors in their respective fall sports. Seniors Morgan Andrews and Dina Pitsas were both selected to the New Hampshire All-State Girls' Soccer team while senior Averill Erdody was selected to the All-State Girls' Field Hockey team. Additionally, Morgan has been selected as the NH Girls' Soccer Player of the Year.

The Superintendent informed the Board of heating system issues at the Middle School due to the cold weather. Several rooms experienced problems with broken coils and heating unit belts. Bill Cooper and his staff worked overtime on a number of evenings to get the units working and maintain proper classroom temperatures. The Superintendent commended the work of the maintenance staff.

The Superintendent told the Board that some of the elementary teachers will soon be piloting reading series as part of the District's curriculum review process. Assistant Superintendent Johnson explained the purpose of the pilots.

Quarterly Reports:

a. Granite Town Media: Mr. Mannino reported that starting in February, the meetings will be changed to the fourth Thursday of the month.

b. Wellness:

Mr. Dargie reported that at the November 28th meeting individual building representatives reported on the Wellness activities at each building.

c. ATC: Mr. Drew described the work of the ATC sub-committee in meeting the District's goal.

d. Technology: Mr. Dargie reported that the Committee has not met recently. The December meeting was postponed until next week.

e. Professional Development: Mr. Dargie described some of the professional development activities being offered in the District including CPI and Smartboard training.

f. CIP: Mr. Drew reported the Committee has not met recently, but that all items from the School District are in the CIP Plan.

New Business:

There was no new business.

Old Business:

a. 2013 – 2014 Proposed Budget:

1. Warrant:

Business Administrator Chambers described the warrant article development process and summarized each warrant article as presented.

Mr. Bragdon moved to place Article 1 on the Warrant with language to include first year interest costs. Mr. Drew seconded. All in favor 5-0.

Mr. Willette moved to place Article 2 on the Warrant as proposed. Mr. Drew seconded. All in favor 4-1, Mr. Bragdon opposed.

Mr. Bragdon moved to place Article 3 on the Warrant as proposed. Mr. Mannino seconded. All in favor 5-0.

Mr. Bragdon moved to place Article 4 on the Warrant as proposed. Mr. Dargie seconded. All in favor 0-4-1. Mr. Willette abstained. Motion failed.

Mr. Dargie moved to place Article 6 and Article 8 on the Warrant. Mr. Bragdon seconded. All in favor 0-4-1. Mr. Willette abstained. Motion failed.

Mr. Bragdon moved to place Article 5 on the Warrant with modifications to the salary descriptions under the account column. Mr. Mannino seconded. All in favor 5-0.

Mr. Bragdon moved to place Article 7 on the Warrant with modifications to the salary descriptions under the account column. Mr. Willette seconded. All in favor 5-0.

Voting on Article 9 was postponed until after the Board's non-public session.

Mr. Drew moved to place Article 10 on the Warrant with the understanding that there may be language changes from the Department of Revenue Administration. Mr. Bragdon seconded. All in favor 5-0.

Mr. Dargie moved to place Article 11 on the Warrant as proposed. Mr. Drew seconded. All in favor 2-3. Motion failed. Mr. Mannino, Mr. Bragdon, and Mr. Willette opposed.

Mr. Dargie moved to place Article 12 on the Warrant as proposed. No second. Motion failed.

Mr. Mannino moved to increase the operating budget by \$61,051. This motion included the restoration of items 5 through 12 as listed on the Superintendent's Budget Reduction Memo dated December 3, 2012. Mr. Dargie seconded. All in favor 2-3. Motion failed. Mr. Dargie, Mr. Bragdon, and Mr. Willette opposed.

Mr. Mannino moved to increase the operating budget by \$8,072. This included the restoration of items 11 and 12 as listed on the Superintendent's Budget Reduction Memo of December 3, 2012. Mr. Drew seconded. All in favor 3-2. Mr. Bragdon and Mr. Willette opposed.

2. Default Budget:

Business Administrator Chambers described the process for developing the default budget as per District policy. Discussion followed.

b. Premium Holidays:

Business Administrator Chambers updated the Board on Premium Holidays, and recommended no action at this time while we await information on the status of a request submitted to the Bureau of Securities by several towns.

c. Policy Proposals:

Mr. Dargie moved to approve the second reading of policies 2315, Student Transportation Management, and 5065, Early Admission to Kindergarten or Grade One. Mr. Willette seconded. All in favor 5-0.

Housekeeping Items:

a. Approval of Minutes 12/1712:

Mr. Bragdon moved to approve the December 17, 2012 minutes. Mr. Drew seconded. All in favor 5-0.

b. Approval of Manifests

Mr. Willette moved to approve the listed manifests. Mr. Dargie seconded. All in favor 5-0.

Public Comment:

Mr. Dargie reminded the public there will be a Budget Committee meeting at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, January 9th.

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

Mr. Bragdon moved to enter non-public at 8:27 PM. Mr. Drew seconded. All in favor 5-0.

Business Administrator Chambers updated the Board on the potential purchase of property.

Mr. Bragdon moved to exit non-public at 8:48 PM. Mr. Drew seconded. All in favor 5-0.

Mr. Bragdon moved to place article 9 on the Warrant with a dollar value of \$60,000 and with the understanding that the majority voting requirement will be clarified. Mr. Drew seconded. All in favor 5-0.

Adjournment:

Mr. Bragdon moved to adjourn the Board meeting at 8:49 PM. Mr. Drew 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.