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**MILFORD SCHOOL BOARD
MINUTES
Monday, December 17, 2012**

Call to Order:

School Board Chairman Paul Dargie called the meeting to order at 6:20 PM in the SAU conference room. Board members present included Mr. Kevin Drew, Mr. Robert Willette, and Mr. Len Mannino. Mr. Peter Bragdon arrived at 6:30 PM. Also present were District Administrators Superintendent Robert Suprenant, Assistant Superintendent Laurel Johnson, and Business Administrator Katherine Chambers.

Mr. Drew moved to enter non-public session at 6:20 PM. Mr. Mannino seconded. All in favor 4-0.

Superintendent Suprenant presented the results of collective bargaining with the Milford Teachers Association (MTA).

Superintendent Suprenant presented the results of collective bargaining with the Milford Education Support Staff Association (MESSA).

Mr. Bragdon moved to exit non-public at 6:50 PM. Mr. Willette seconded. All in favor 5-0.

Chairman Dargie re-entered the public meeting at 7:00 PM in room #182 in the Milford High School and told those present that the Board had met in non-public to discuss collective bargaining. No votes were taken.

Board Member Comments:

There were no board member comments.

Public Comment:

There were no public comments.

Reports and Presentations:

a. Superintendent's Report:

Superintendent Suprenant described the actions of the School District in preparation for students on the first day back to school following the tragedy at the Sandy Hook Elementary School in Connecticut. He commended staff, students, and Principals for their work.

New Business:

a. NHSBA Resolutions:

Chairman Dargie reviewed the New Hampshire School Board Association's (NHSBA) Resolutions for the 2012-2013 school year.

Chairman Dargie moved that Milford vote to adopt the NHSBA recommendations. Mr. Drew seconded. Mr. Bragdon stated that he agrees with the NHSBA position, but would like to amend the motion to allow Chairman Dargie to use his discretion given discussion and changes that can occur at the NHSBA Assembly. All in favor 5-0.

b. Policy Proposals:

1. Policy # 2315, Student Transportation Management (First Reading).

Mr. Dargie explained to the Board the reason for the recommended change from \$10,000 to \$5,000 in medical insurance.

Mr. Willette moved to approve the first reading of policy 2315. Mr. Drew seconded. All in favor 5-0.

2. Policy # 5065, Early Admission to Kindergarten or Grade One (First Reading).

Chairman Dargie explained to the Board the recommended changes to the Early Admission Policy to first grade that now would include early admission to Kindergarten.

Mr. Willette moved to approve the first reading of policy 5065. Chairman Dargie seconded. All in favor 5-0.

Old Business:

a. Premium Holidays:

Business Administrator Chambers reviewed and updated the Board on the latest information regarding the Health Insurance Premium Holiday from SchoolCare. Ms. Chambers will check with the Town regarding their approach to this issue. Discussion followed and the Board took no action. Questions ensued from members of the public regarding the District's recommended refund process.

b. 2013 - 2014 Proposed Budget:

Superintendent Suprenant clarified anticipated entitlement funds for next year for the Board. Chairman Dargie, referring to the Superintendent's exhibit document dated December 3, 2012, Recommendations to Meet the School Board's Budget Goal, moved to accept cuts of numbers 1 through 12, maintain numbers 13, 14, 15, and modify numbers 16 and 20 by reducing \$50,000. Mr. Dargie also moved to modify number 18 by removing \$27,770 and to maintain number 19.

After discussion, Assistant Superintendent Johnson suggested the Board fully fund the math position (number 19), and consider funding the Social Studies position (number 17), should alternative funds become available.

Mr. Mannino recommended excluding numbers 1 and 2, maintain numbers 3 through 12 and numbers 13 through 20 with Mr. Dargie's changes. Mr. Mannino felt the quality of education will be impacted if these cuts are made.

Mr. Stella, Chairman of the Budget Committee, recommended that the administration expand the reduction list to include \$1.2 million in possible reductions, an additional \$600,000 reduction. Mr. Stella requested this list to provide more information for the Budget Committee. Lengthy discussion followed regarding the Budget Committee's request. Superintendent Suprenant stated that, in all likelihood, this amount of reductions would impact staff.

Mr. Bragdon moved to accept the cut of numbers 1 through 12, maintain numbers 13, 14, and 15, modify numbers 16 and 20 to reflect a \$50,000 reduction, eliminate number 17, and modify number 18 to remove \$27,770. Mr. Drew seconded. All in favor 4-1 with Mr. Willette opposed.

Mr. Mannino moved to restore funding on items 5 through 12. Mr. Dargie seconded. Motion failed 1-4 with Mr. Mannino in favor.

Business Administrator Chambers presented a list of potential warrant articles and prioritized Capital Improvement Projects for the Board. Discussion followed. It was noted that a potential land purchase for parking would not be included in a bond article but may be in a separate article.

Mr. Bragdon moved to propose a 10 year bond for the projects. Mr. Drew seconded. All in favor 5-0.

Jerry Stajduhar, Director of Computer Technology, explained the three options for connectivity for the District. The District is currently experiencing issues with speed and connectivity with the network.

Housekeeping Items:

a. Approval of Minutes 12/03/12:

Mr. Bragdon moved to approve the December 3, 2012 minutes. Mr. Willette seconded. All in favor 5-0.

b. Approval of Manifests

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

Public Comment:

There was no public comment.

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

Mr. Bragdon moved to enter non-public at 9:42 PM. Mr. Willette seconded. All in favor 5-0. The Board discussed tentatively agreed upon Collective Bargaining Agreements.

Mr. Bragdon moved to exit non-public at 9:50 PM. Mr. Drew seconded. All in favor 5-0.

Mr. Bragdon moved to ratify the Milford Teachers Association agreement. Mr. Willette seconded. All in favor 5-0.

Mr. Bragdon moved to ratify the Milford Educational Support Staff Association agreement. Mr. Willette seconded. All in favor 5-0.

Adjournment:

Mr. Bragdon moved to adjourn the Board meeting at 9:52 PM. Mr. Willette seconded. All in favor 5-0.

Chairman of the School Board

Date of signing