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**MILFORD SCHOOL BOARD
MINUTES
Monday, February 4, 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:

There were no board member comments.

Public Comment:

There were no public comments.

Reports and Presentations:

a. Superintendent's Report:

Superintendent Suprenant congratulated Special Education Director Johanna Johnson for applying for, and receiving, a \$500 award from Sanford Plumbing and Heating. Sanford provides a monthly award to non-profit organizations as part of its Community Commitment program. The money will be used to purchase an IPAD which will be given to the family that demonstrates the greatest commitment to the Extended School Year program this summer.

Superintendent Suprenant congratulated two spelling Bee winners who will both compete in the regional contest in Manchester in early March. The winners were Elizabeth Noble, Middle School winner, and Donna Emphasis, fifth grade winner.

The Superintendent called attention to the Middle School's Scholastic Art Award winners as posted on the Middle School website. The actual work will be on display at the statewide Scholastic Art Award ceremony at Pinkerton Academy.

The Superintendent notified the Board that Title I will hold a Family Math Night on Friday, February 8th, beginning at 6:00 PM at the Heron Pond School.

b. Middle School Renzulli Program:

Mr. Mike Flynn, Middle School computer teacher, provided an overview of the progress of the Renzulli Program. About 80% of the students and teachers are currently using the program.

c. Review of School District Goals:

Superintendent Suprenant introduced the District goals process.

A. ATC Center Programming: Superintendent Suprenant stated that this update will be reviewed at the March 18th Board meeting when all of the information is available.

B. Assistant Superintendent Johnson presented an overview of technology improvements and training. Infrastructure updates have stabilized the system, resulting in less down time. Superintendent Suprenant commented that instructional technology is in a much better place than previous years.

C. Ms. Johnson presented an overview of the Fall 2012 NECAP scores, as well as the current status of the SINI (School In Need of Improvement), and DINI (District In Need of Improvement) plans, Focus Monitoring, and the Title I after school program.

D. Superintendent Suprenant spoke about the new website and the status of teacher pages and team pages. The District has received positive feedback from parents and the community.

E. Ms. Chambers updated the School Board on the progress of the implementation of the new USDA food standard regulations. The District's certification application has been approved. Ms. Chambers informed the Board that there may be the need to raise lunch prices next year. Mr. Mannino questioned whether the increased costs were associated with the new federal regulations.

F. Mr. Suprenant reported that the successful negotiation of three Collective Bargaining Agreements will be presented to voters as warrant articles in March.

New Business:

a. Funding Request – We the People National Competition.

Mr. Dave Alcox, teacher, introduced the “We the People” students, winners of the statewide contest for the 11th time in 15 years. The following students described their experience on the team and how it benefitted their learning: Avril Erdody, Gonzales Ruiz-Oriol, Petra Hunt, Devon Crawford, Adam Magree, Mina Grasic, Brook Olsen, Jarad Asselin, Courtney Hawkins, and Meredith Poplar. The students also described their fund-raising efforts. Mr. Dargie moved to award \$3,350 to the Milford High School “We the People” team for travel to and participation in the national competition in Washington DC in April. Mr. Drew seconded. All in favor 5-0.

b. Policy Proposals:

Policy # 2335, District Travel and Conference Reimbursement (1st Reading). Superintendent Suprenant explained to the Board the revisions to the policy. Mr. Willette moved to approve the first reading of policy # 2335. Mr. Dargie seconded. All in favor 5-0.

Old Business:

a. Premium Holidays:

Business Administrator Chambers reviewed with the School Board the premium holiday situation. Ms. Chambers recommended that administration begin communicating the process of reimbursement with employees. Resident Brenda Walker questioned the delay in reimbursement to which Ms. Chambers responded. Mr. Bragdon moved to approve the proposal. Mr. Mannino seconded. All in favor 5-0.

Housekeeping Items:

a. Approval of School Board Minutes 1/15/13, Budget Hearing Minutes 01/15/13, Bond Hearing Minutes 01/15/13:

Mr. Mannino moved to approve the 1/15/13 school board minutes, the 1/15/13 Budget Hearing minutes, and the 1/15/13 Bond Hearing minutes. Mr. Drew seconded. All in favor 4-0-1, with Mr. Bragdon abstaining.

b. Approval of Manifests:

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

Public Comment:

There were no public comments.

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

There was no non-public session.

Adjournment:

Mr. Bragdon moved to adjourn the Board meeting at 8:50 PM. Mr. Mannino 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.