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MILFORD SCHOOL BOARD
MINUTES
Monday, March 18, 2013

Call to Order:

Superintendent Robert Suprenant called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM, in room 182 in the Milford High School. Board members present included Mr. Paul Dargie, 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.

Organization of School Board (per policy 2154):

- a. Election of Officers
 1. Chairperson: Mr. Bragdon nominated Mr. Dargie. Motion passed 5-0.
 2. Vice Chairperson: Mr. Willette nominated Mr. Drew. Motion passed 5-0.
 3. Secretary: Assigned to the SAU.

- b. Appointments
 1. Truant Officer (RSA 189:34 & 35): Chairman Dargie appointed the Milford Police Department to serve in this capacity.

- c. School Board Representatives to Advisory Committees: The following representatives to Advisory Committees were appointed by Chairman Dargie.
 1. Professional Development Committee: Kevin Drew
 2. Applied Technology Center Advisory Committee: Kevin Drew
 3. Technology Committee: Paul Dargie
 4. Wellness Committee: Paul Dargie
 5. Granite Town Media Advisory Committee: Kevin Drew
 6. Regional Services Education Center Board of Directors (RSEC): Len Mannino
 7. Joint Services Committee: Len Mannino
 8. Capital Improvements Plan – Citizens' Advisory Committee (CIP-CAP): Paul Dargie

- d. School Board Standing Sub-Committees:
 1. Finance: Paul Dargie and Bob Willette
 2. Policy Review: Paul Dargie and Bob Willette

Board Member Comments:

Mr. Dargie thanked the Milford voters for voting and for their support in passing most of the Warrant articles.

Public Comment:

Resident and employee Ms. Theresa Wood asked the Board if they would consider lengthening the school day due to the number of cancelled school days so far this winter. Mr. Suprenant responded that the District exceeds the state's minimum hour requirements and he would bring that issue to a future board meeting if needed.

Ms. Wood asked the Board if they would consider using Blizzard Bags for snow days, discussion ensued.

Ms. Wood asked the Board if any thought had been given to combining the February and April vacations into one vacation in March, and questioned whether the Board would consider asking parents via a survey.

Theresa Wood questioned whether the two delayed opening days on the proposed '13-'14 school calendar could be changed to early release days due to the fact that Kindergarten students lose time when the weather dictates a two hour delayed opening.

Reports and Presentations:

a. Superintendent's Report

1. Superintendent Suprenant thanked the citizens of Milford for their approval of the operating budget, the bond project, the lease agreement, and the collective bargaining agreements voted on last Tuesday.

2. Superintendent Suprenant congratulated High School student Ben Lambert for winning the Division II slalom ski championship. He also congratulated the High School girls' basketball team for reaching the semi-finals of the Division II Basketball tournament before losing to eventual champion Lebanon.

3. The Superintendent reported from the DI Coordinator, Sandy Hardy, that there are 15 total teams throughout the District involving a total of 83 students. Sandy stated that this is the best DI year in quite some time. Elementary and Middle School teams compete on Saturday March 23rd, at a regional meet in Swanzey, while the High School teams competed on Saturday, March 16th.

4. The Superintendent congratulated the Middle School Math Counts team for the schools best-ever finish in the statewide competition. The team placed fifth in the state at the competition held at Plymouth State University. The top five individual scorers attend the national competition. Evan Rysdam finished fifth and will attend if any one of the first four cannot attend.

5. The Superintendent reported on upcoming events in the schools. The Middle School Health Fair will be held on Wednesday March 20th, participants include the Milford Farmers Market, the Fire Department and Ambulance Services, the 4H club, and Stoneyfield Farms.

On Friday, March 22nd, the Middle School will hold a Career Day for eighth graders to provide them with exposure to a variety of careers. A number of community members have been scheduled to speak about their careers.

6. Title I Family night has been scheduled for Friday, March 22nd at Heron Pond.

7. The Special Education Department will host its second annual Vendor Fair on Saturday, March 30th at the Bales gymnasium. This will be an opportunity for parents to view all the different kinds of services available to children in one venue. The Superintendent thanked Director Johanna Johnson and Assistant Director Mike Hatfield for organizing the event.

New Business:

a. School Board Calendar for New Term:

Chairman Dargie pointed out there were a few adjustments to next year's calendar. There is no meeting scheduled for July, however a July meeting will be scheduled if needed. Items scheduled for the July meeting were placed in the last June meeting. The financial forecasts scheduled for both April and May will occur only on the May 1st meeting. Mr. Bragdon moved to approve the 2013-2014 school board calendar. Mr. Willette seconded. All in favor 5-0.

b. School Board Goals for New Term – Preliminary Discussion:

The School Board discussed goals for next year. The following were listed for discussion at subsequent meetings; Administrators' and teachers' bargaining agreements, study/management review/survey of all buildings, and the Superintendent's position.

c. School District Calendar 2013 -2014:

Mr. Bragdon moved to approve next year's school calendar with the understanding that Superintendent Suprenant report back to the Board at the next Board meeting regarding the possibility of changing the two delayed opening days to early release days. Mr. Drew seconded. All in favor 4-1, with Mr. Mannino opposed.

d. Policy Proposal - Policy # 3550 Home Education:

Mr. Dargie provided an overview of the revised Home Education Policy. The Board asked the Superintendent to look into whether the term "participating agency" is necessary. Mr. Bragdon moved to approve the first reading of policy # 3550. Mr. Willette seconded. All in favor 5-0.

Old Business:

a. School Board Goals – ATC:

Technical Studies Director, Rosie Deloge presented an update to the Board on the progress of the ATC review. Discussion ensued regarding scheduling, skill sets, curriculum and budget for next school year.

Housekeeping Items:

a. Nomination:

Mr. Bragdon moved to approve the nomination of Meliss Letendre to the position of part-time Health Teacher at MHS for the 13-14 school year. Mr. Willette seconded. All in favor 5-0.

b. Approval of Minutes 2/18/13:

Mr. Drew moved to approve the 2/18/13 minutes. Mr. Willette seconded. All in favor 4-0-1, with Mr. Bragdon abstaining.

c. Approval of Minutes 3/11/13:

Mr. Drew moved to approve the 3/11/13 minutes. Mr. Willette seconded. All in favor 4-0-1, with Mr. Bragdon abstaining.

d. Approval of Manifests:

Mr. Bragdon moved to approve the listed manifests and the October 2012, November 2012, December 2012, and January 2013 Treasurer's Reports. Mr. Willette seconded. All in favor 5-0.

Mr. Willette moved to enter non-public session at 8:40 PM. Mr. Drew seconded. All in favor 5-0.

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

1. Mr. Willette moved to approve a teacher request for a second year leave of absence. Mr. Bragdon seconded. All in favor 5-0.
2. Mr. Dargie moved to approve a teacher request for sick bank days. Mr. Mannino seconded. All in favor 5-0.
3. Mr. Bragdon moved to approve the Superintendent's recommendation for a salary stipend for an SAU employee for the balance of the 2012-2013 school year. Mr. Willette seconded. All in favor 5-0.
4. Mr. Bragdon moved to approve the Superintendent's recommendation for salary adjustments for two SAU employees for the 2013-2014 school year.
5. Mr. Bragdon moved to approve the Superintendent's recommendation to extend the contracts of the Assistant Superintendent Laurel Johnson, and Business Administrator Katherine Chambers for two years at a salary to be determined by the Board at a later date. Mr. Drew seconded. All in favor 5-0.

Mr. Bragdon moved to exit non-public at 9:25 PM. Mr. Willette seconded. All on favor 5-0.

Adjournment

Mr. Bragdon moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:26 PM. 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.