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MILFORD SCHOOL BOARD
MINUTES
Monday, April 1, 2013

Call to Order:

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. Robert Willette, Mr. Kevin Drew, and Mr. Len Mannino. Mr. Peter Bragdon arrived at 7:40 PM. Also present were District administrators Superintendent Robert Suprenant and Assistant Superintendent Laurel Johnson.

Board Member Comments:

There were no Board member comments.

Public Comment:

Resident Laurie Pitsas informed the Board about a fundraiser for the MHS Track and Field Teams. Students will be selling mattresses on April 14, 2013 at Milford High School.

Reports and Presentations:

a. Superintendent's Report

1. Superintendent Suprenant informed the Board that we have a number of Destination Imagination teams that have advanced to the state finals scheduled for Saturday, April 6th. The Superintendent sent good luck wishes to the teams and expressed confidence that the Board would soon be visited by those teams that will be advancing to the global competition.

2. RSEC is running the federally-required Child Check service for children between the ages of three and six on Saturday, April 6th. Parents of children who are that age, and who have concerns about their child's development, should contact Jane at RSEC at 886-8500, extension 317 to make an appointment for a screening at Jacques.

3. The week of April 1st is Spirit Week at the Middle School.

4. Request for Proposals have been developed and have been advertised for the various projects approved by voters in the bond. Pre-bid meetings, walk-throughs, and bid openings have been scheduled along with meetings with District personnel about the impact of the projects in the schools this summer.

Model UN Presentation:

Chairman Dargie changed the order of presentations to allow High School Social Studies Teacher Anna Parker and students Nickolas Simo and Adna Glusac to talk about their experiences at the Model UN Convention representing the small country of Burkina Faso. They thanked the Board for helping to sponsor their participation.

Wellness Committee Presentation:

District Wellness Committee Chairman Jean-Guy Letarte updated the board on the progress of the District's Wellness Committee. He spoke about their three major areas of focus: personal health, physical education and fitness, and social and emotional well-being.

Lily Ayotte, Student Ambassador from the Middle School, shared with the Board her efforts to promote healthy eating and cooking at the Middle School. Lily has applied to be the State Ambassador for the State of NH for the Fuel Up to Play 60 program.

Mary Ann Gallagher, Food Service Manager at the Milford High School, described how the High School has used Fuel Up to Play 60 funds. This Included a stipend for weight room supervision, and the purchase of a smoothie machine.

Steve Scannell, High School Health teacher, spoke to the Board about the results of the 2011 Milford Youth Risk Behavior Survey and how those results compared to the 2003 results.

Parent Lori Pitsas provided the School Board with a parent's perspective of the Wellness Committee's efforts. Ms. Pitsas spoke of the many health education opportunities available to students and staff.

Quarterly Reports:

Granite Town Media Advisory Committee:

Mr. Drew reported that the committee had met recently and there was nothing specific to the schools to report on.

Wellness:

Mr. Dargie referred to this evening's presentation.

ATC:

Mr. Drew referred to the previous Board meeting item regarding the ATC. The committee is still awaiting the results of the State review of programs.

Technology:

Mr. Dargie reported that the VoIP and Fiber projects are the focus of technology at this time.

Professional Development:

Mr. Drew reported that the committee had met this afternoon. They discussed recent professional development days and a teacher's electronic portfolio presentation.

CIP-CAP:

Mr. Dargie reported that the committee had not met.

New Business:

a. Staff Recognition Day:

Mr. Bragdon moved to purchase and distribute cookies from the culinary program at the high school in appreciation of all staff members. Mr. Dargie seconded. All in favor 5-0.

Old Business:

a. Policy Proposal - Policy # 3550 Home Education:

Mr. Willette moved to approve the second reading of policy # 3550. Mr. Dargie seconded. All in favor 5-0.

b. School Board Goal Setting, 2013-2014:

Chairman Dargie reviewed the role of the School Board. The following concepts will be developed into goals.

1. A review of high school programs designed to advance academic rigor and achievement.
2. A survey of stakeholders to understand perceptions about local schools.
3. Administrators and Teachers' contracts.

c. School District Calendar, 2013-2014:

Mr. Bragdon moved and Mr. Willette seconded to change the two delayed opening days to early release days on the 2013-2014 school calendar. All in favor 5-0.

Housekeeping Items:

a. Approval of Minutes 3/18/13:

Mr. Bragdon moved to approve the 3/18/13 minutes. Mr. Dargie 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.

Mr. Bragdon moved to enter non-public session at 9:00 PM. Mr. Willette seconded. All in favor 5-0.

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

1. Mr. Bragdon moved to approve a teacher sick leave request. Mr. Drew seconded. All in favor 5-0.
2. Mr. Bragdon moved to approve a request to extend a leave per the teacher's contract. Mr. Drew seconded. All in favor 5-0.
3. Mr. Bragdon moved to set the salary for the Business Administrator for 2013-2014 at \$99,417.00, and to set the salary for the Assistant Superintendent for 2013-2014 at \$113,584.00. Mr. Drew seconded. All in favor 5-0.

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

Mr. Willette moved to approve the Superintendent's nomination. Mr. Bragdon seconded. All in favor 5-0.

Adjournment

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