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MILFORD SCHOOL BOARD
MINUTES
Monday, June 3, 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. Kevin Drew, Mr. Len Mannino, Mr. Peter Bragdon and Mr. Robert Willette. Also present were District administrators Superintendent Robert Suprenant, Assistant Superintendent Laurel Johnson, and Accountant Lise Tucker.

Board Member Comments:

There were no Board member comments.

Public Comment:

There were no public comments.

Reports and Presentations:

a. Superintendent's Report

The Superintendent congratulated all the students and the many parent volunteers of the Destination Imagination teams who have returned from the Global Finals. The High School team finished 10th, the Middle School team placed 36th, and the two elementary teams finished 18th and 38th respectively.

Last week Morgan Andrews received her second consecutive National Girls' Soccer Player of the Year Award sponsored by Gatorade and ESPN. Morgan is only the 9th athlete to win the award twice and will next compete for the National Athlete of the Year Award in Los Angeles in July.

The Superintendent congratulated the Milford High School Seat Belt Challenge team for winning first place in the state competition under the guidance of Milford police officer Marc Peppler.

The elementary schools will be hosting their annual Safety Fair at 5:00 PM on Friday, June 7th at the Heron Pond School. The Superintendent thanked the Milford Police and Fire Departments for their help with this evening.

The Superintendent informed the Board that not only are closing activities happening this time of year, but also planning for next school year is occurring. Administrators and staff do an excellent job in making students feel comfortable as they progress through the grade levels. Step-Up days for first and fifth graders have occurred along with orientations and open houses for parents and students who are transitioning to the next level of education.

The Superintendent informed the Board that graduation is set for Saturday, June 15th at 10:00 AM on the High School football field.

New Business:

a. Approval of VoIP Project Vendor:

Superintendent Suprenant described the process for the VoIP and the effort put in by Director of Technology, Jerry Stajduhar and Assistant Superintendent, Laurel Johnson. Chairman Dargie spoke about the complications of the bids due to the complexity of the project and stated he was very comfortable going with RTM. Mr. Stajduhar described the rationale behind the decision making process.

Mr. Willette moved to award the VoIP project to RTM. Mr. Bragdon seconded. All in favor 5-0.

b. School Day Waiver for Middle School:

Superintendent Suprenant requested the Board waive making up May 20th as an instructional day because the Middle School was closed due to a power outage. The school will still meet the 990 instructional hours as required by the NH Department of Education.

Mr. Bragdon moved to approve the waiver. Mr. Mannino seconded. All in favor 5-0.

c. District Goals:

Superintendent Suprenant explained the six district goals for school year 2013-2014 and that the first goal is a result of the Focused Monitoring process. Superintendent Suprenant and Assistant Superintendent Johnson described the rationale for each goal. The Board asked the Superintendent to report back on the number of students who will need to meet ambitious growth for the first goal to be achieved.

Mr. Bragdon moved to approve the 2013-2014 district goals. Mr. Drew seconded. All in favor 5-0.

d. Request to Re-Prioritize 2013-2014 District Funds:

Superintendent Suprenant described the reason for the request. Assistant Superintendent Johnson informed the Board that the Reading Wonders program is much more rigorous than our current reading program and described the two options for purchasing the K-5 program in place of purchasing budgeted technology. Elementary Curriculum Coordinator Martha Leck-Leonard spoke about the program and responded to questions from the Board. Mr. Bragdon moved to approve the one year implementation plan of Reading Wonders to be offset with reductions in technology. Mr. Mannino seconded. All in favor 5-0.

e. Approval of Adult High School Grant:

Mr. Bragdon moved to approve the Adult High School Grant for 2013-2014. Mr. Drew seconded. All in favor 5-0.

Old Business:

a. Policy Proposal, Policy 2135 - Standing Policy Review Sub-Committee (2nd Reading):

Mr. Bragdon moved to approve the second reading of policy 2135. Mr. Drew seconded. All in favor 5-0.

Housekeeping Items:

a. Nominations:

Mr. Bragdon moved and Mr. Drew seconded to approve the following nominations. All in favor 5-0.

Elizabeth Solan – MMS Math

John Pogorzelski – MMS Math

Sarah Ward – MMS Spanish

Elizabeth Dunham – DW Reading Specialist

Jennifer Jepson – Sage Special Education/English

b. Approval of Minutes 5/6/13:

Mr. Drew moved to approve the minutes of 5/6/13. Mr. Willette seconded. All in favor 5-0.

c. Approval of Minutes 5/20/13:

Mr. Bragdon moved to approve the minutes of 5/20/13. Mr. Drew seconded. All in favor 4-0-1, Mr. Willette abstained.

d. Approval of the February 2013, March 2013, and April 2013 Treasurer's Reports:

Mr. Willette moved to approve the listed Treasurer's Reports. Mr. Dargie seconded. All in favor 5-0.

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

Mr. Bragdon moved to enter non-public session at 8:20 PM. Mr. Drew seconded. All in favor 5-0.

Mr. Bragdon moved to approve a teacher's sick bank request. Mr. Drew seconded. All in favor 5-0.

The Board reviewed the performance of the Superintendent with the Superintendent.

Mr. Willette moved to exit non-public at 9:22 PM. Mr. Drew seconded. All in favor 5-0.

Adjournment:

Mr. Willette moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:22 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.