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MILFORD SCHOOL BOARD
MINUTES
Monday, May 6, 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 7:05. 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

1. Superintendent Suprenant reported that Principal Nancy Maguire has set up a series of kindergarten orientations and screenings for students and their parents over the next several weeks. These orientations are valuable to both the school and parents in understanding school expectations and the needs of individual children.

2. Our Applied Technology Center and the Souhegan Valley Chamber of Commerce are partnering to host a Chamber Business After Hours on Wednesday, May 15th at 5:30 in Windows. This is an opportunity for businesses to be recognized for their contributions to the education of Milford area students.

3. The Title 1 after school program continues on Monday and Wednesday afternoons from 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM at the Heron Pond School. About 35 children are participating regularly with a focus on mathematics skills improvement. Anecdotal teacher comments indicate that the students who are participating are demonstrating greater confidence in the classroom and the assessments that teachers are using indicate skills improvement. The program will continue until the first of June.

4. The We the People team has returned from competition in Washington, DC. Mr. Suprenant reported that advisor David Alcox was unable to attend at the last minute due to a sudden illness. He commended Chantal Alcox for substituting for her husband as the chief chaperone.

b. Approval of Language Arts Curriculum:

Assistant Superintendent Ms. Johnson presented an overview of the recommendation for a new English Language Arts Curriculum. She described the changes which include integrating technology into the curriculum and reading in context. Ms. Johnson described the process for curriculum implementation. Mr. Bragdon asked if the curriculum is more rigorous than the current curriculum and Ms. Johnson responded affirmatively. She stated that students will be better prepared for careers and college. Mr. Bragdon moved to approve the English Language Arts Curriculum. Mr. Drew seconded. All in favor 5-0.

New Business:

a. Request for Last Day of School Waiver:

Superintendent Suprenant recommended a waiver of Monday, June 24th, as the last day of school for students. Mr. Drew moved to make Friday, June 21st the last half-day for students. Mr. Willette seconded. All in favor 5-0.

b. Financial Forecast:

Ms. Tucker presented a financial forecast for the remainder of the school year. She projects a forecast of \$678,904.00. Mr. Suprenant described a couple of maintenance issues that may need to be fixed, including replacement of an air conditioner unit at the high school and security upgrades, utilizing this year's funding.

c. Annual Review of Capital Plan for Town:

Chairman Dargie reviewed the CIP Plan with the Board and the status of existing projects. Mr. Dargie recommended keeping parking on the plan and Mr. Bragdon agreed. Mr. Bragdon moved that the School Board inform the CIP Committee of its interest in the following Capital Improvement Projects: Parking, phase 1 - \$60,000 in 2014; parking, phase 2 - \$120,000 in 2015; district wide renovations - \$5 million in 2016. Mr. Drew seconded. All in favor 5-0.

Superintendent Suprenant described the bid process used three bids, the fire alarm at the high school, asbestos abatement and carpet and tile installation at the middle school, and roof replacement at the middle school.

d. Bid Award Approval – MHS Fire Alarm Replacement:

Superintendent Suprenant recommended Longchamps Electric. Mr. Bragdon moved to approve Longchamps Electric, to include the amber strobes add-on, for a total of \$144,331.00. Mr. Drew seconded. All in favor 5-0.

e. Bid Award Approval - MMS Asbestos Abatement and Carpet/Tile:

Superintendent Suprenant and Director of Buildings and Grounds Mr. Cooper responded to questions from the Board. Superintendent Suprenant recommended NCM for the asbestos removal. Mr. Bragdon moved to award the asbestos removal to NCM for \$42,450.00. Mr. Willette seconded. All in favor 5-0.

Superintendent Suprenant recommended Maranatha Carpet for the carpet/tile installation with the highest quality options for a total of \$46,770.00. Mr. Bragdon moved to approve Maranatha Carpet for the carpet and tile installation. Mr. Willette seconded. All in favor 5-0.

f. Bid Award Approval - MMS Replacement of Middle School Roof:

Superintendent Suprenant recommended Academy Roofing Corporation for a total of \$624,500.00. Mr. Bragdon moved to approve Academy Roofing Corporation to replace the Middle School roof. Mr. Willette seconded. All in favor 5-0.

Old Business:

a. Destination Imagination Funding Request:

Mr. Dargie and Mr. Drew abstained from the DI request process. Mr. Bragdon led the discussion. Superintendent Suprenant spoke about the presentation at the last Board meeting, and his recommendation for funding for the four teams. Team #1 - \$858.00. Team #2 - \$1,018.00. Team #3 - \$970.00. Team #4 - \$1,061.00. Mr. Mannino moved to approve the funding for the four teams. Mr. Willette seconded. All in favor 3-0-2 with Mr. Dargie and Mr. Drew abstaining.

b. Policy Proposal # 3531 High School Graduation Requirements:

Mr. Dargie reviewed the policy proposal with the Board. Mr. Bragdon moved to approve the second reading of policy # 3531. Mr. Willette seconded. All in favor 5-0.

c. School Board Goals:

Mr. Dargie reviewed the status of the development of the school board goals and presented a draft timeline for each of the three goals. Mr. Bragdon moved to approve the actions to implement the 2013-2014 school board goals. Mr. Drew seconded. All in favor 5-0.

Housekeeping Items:

a. Approval of Minutes 4/15/13:

Mr. Drew moved to approve the 4/15/13 minutes. Mr. Dargie seconded. All in favor 4-0-1, with Mr. Bragdon abstaining because he was not at that meeting.

b. Approval of Manifests:

Mr. Drew moved to approve the listed manifests. 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 8:03 PM. Mr. Dargie seconded. All in favor 5-0.

The Board discussed collective bargaining procedures.

The Superintendent informed the Board of a student issue at the Middle School.

Mr. Bragdon moved to exit non-public at 8:22 PM. Mr. Willette seconded. All in favor 5-0.

Adjournment:

Mr. Bragdon moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 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.