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MILFORD SCHOOL BOARD
MINUTES
Monday, June 17, 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, and Mr. Robert Willette. Mr. Bragdon arrived at 8:05 PM. Also present were District administrators Superintendent Robert Suprenant, Assistant Superintendent Laurel Johnson, and Accountant Lise Tucker.

Board Member Comments:

Chairman Dargie commended the High School on a successful graduation this past Saturday.

Public Comment:

There were no public comments.

Reports and Presentations:

a. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Suprenant clarified information from last meeting's District goals proposal. There was discussion on the measurement of goal number 1 which was the 10% increase in the number of identified students who annually meet ambitious growth as measured by NWEA. We have 395 special education students. Last year, 108 (or 38%) of those students achieved ambitious growth. So for the district to meet the goal, 11 more students will need to meet the growth target.

The Superintendent distributed letters from DI Coordinator Sandy Hardy and We the People Advisor David Alcox to the Board.

The NH Society of Professional Engineers has notified Middle School Math teacher Deb Page that she has been selected to receive the 2013 STEM Excellence in Teaching Award in the Middle School category. STEM is an acronym for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics. The Superintendent congratulated Mrs. Page.

Superintendent Suprenant reported that he had met with PTO President Pam Rizzo last week as a wrap-up to the school year. Pam informed him that the PTO donated over \$30,000 to the Jacques and Heron Pond Schools throughout the year. This included donations to Milford DI, Nature's Classroom, and special programs such as Artist in Residence, a fifth grade Shakespeare unit, anti-bullying assemblies, and field trip funds. The PTO will also send every elementary student home with a book for the summer. The Superintendent thanked all the parents who contributed and offered their services to the schools.

The Superintendent reported that Kindergarten enrollment currently stands at 106. The enrollment projection is 153.

Graffiti had been spray painted onto the basketball court behind the Heron Pond School sometime over the weekend of June 8th. Maintenance is unable to remove or cover the graffiti with paint so it will have to be seal coated during the summer. The area is currently covered with a tarp so the students cannot see it.

The High School held its annual Scholarship Night on Tuesday, June 11th with \$115,480 distributed to students in scholarship funds.

The Superintendent informed the Board that all contracts with the summer projects vendors have either been signed or agreed upon in principle. Work actually will begin this weekend with the middle school roof. The stones on the roof will be removed, and the Superintendent has informed selected neighbors of the potential for noise this weekend.

As another school year concludes for students this Friday, the Superintendent thanked all involved, teachers and staff, parents, and community volunteers for making this another successful year in the Milford schools. Summer programming will be going on at all three levels and in all schools except the Middle School.

Chairman Dargie moved to New Business, item a.

a. Air Conditioner and Security Requests:

Mr. Bill Cooper, Director of Buildings and Grounds, provided background information as to the reason for the air conditioner and heating unit proposal to the High School boys' locker room. Mr. Drew asked about the condition of other AC units in the District and Mr. Cooper explained that there are others in poor condition. Superintendent Suprenant and Mr. Cooper explained the reasons for the security upgrades. Mr. Willette moved to approve these two projects as outlined by Mr. Cooper. Mr. Drew seconded. All in favor 4-0.

b. ATC Presentation:

Dr. Rosie Deloge, Director of Technical Studies, described the work of the Committee in relation to the Board's goal. Dr. Deloge described the status of particular programs, including those under consideration for expanding, adding, eliminating, and maintaining. 11 programs in the ATC provide dual college credit. Mr. Dargie asked if 3rd party assessments could be loaded into Power School and Dr. Deloge responded affirmatively. Chairman Dargie asked the administration to prepare options for implementing recommendations at budget time.

c. Annual Report on Test Scores:

Assistant Superintendent Johnson provided the annual update on students' assessment. Ms. Johnson highlighted NECAP, NWEA and SAT scores. There were increases in math achievement on all assessments. Next year is the final year for fall NECAP in reading, math and writing. There were gains made in reading, mathematics, and writing SATs. Ms. Johnson described the success of the Title I after school mathematics program.

d. Quarterly Reports:

Granite Town Media Advisory Committee:

Mr. Drew reported that two meetings have been held. Concerns have been raised by the public about the poor audio quality for school Board meetings.

Wellness:

Chairman Dargie reported that the year was summarized at the most recent meeting. Each school has their own committee.

ATC:

Mr. Drew stated there was nothing to be added to tonight's report.

Technology:

Mr. Dargie reported that the focus has been on the bond bidding and network designs.

Professional Development:

Mr. Drew reported that the Professional Development Committee was active and functioning well.

CIP-CAP:

Mr. Dargie reported that the first meeting was an organizational meeting and the next one would be more substantive.

New Business:

b. Board's Goal – Committee to Develop Questionnaire and Survey Methodology:

Superintendent Suprenant provided the rationale for the recommendation. Mr. Mannino volunteered to represent the School Board.

c. Policy Proposals:

Policy # 2297 - Employee Use of Social Media:

Chairman Dargie described the process for the development of this policy. He then explained the details of the policy proposal. Mr. Bragdon expressed his concern with the second part of A7 of the policy, which states that employees may not post District material on personal social media sites. Administration will work on revising that language for second reading. Mr. Willette moved to approve the first reading of policy # 2297. Mr. Dargie seconded. All in favor 5-0.

Policy # 2205 – School Superintendent:

Mr. Willette moved to approve the first reading of policy # 2205. Mr. Dargie seconded. All in favor 5-0.

Old Business:

There was no old business.

Housekeeping Items:

a. Approval of Minutes 6/3/13:

Mr. Drew moved to approve the minutes of 6/3/13. Mr. Bragdon 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.

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

There was no non-public.

Adjournment:

Mr. Bragdon moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 PM. Mr. Willette seconded. All in favor 5-0.

Chairman of the School Board

Date of signing