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MILFORD SCHOOL BOARD
MINUTES
Monday, November 4, 2013

Call to Order:

Chairman Paul Dargie called the meeting to order at 7:11 PM in room 182 in the Milford High School. Board members present included Mr. Len Mannino, Mr. Peter Bragdon, Mr. Kevin Drew, and Mr. Robert Willette. Also present was Superintendent Robert Suprenant, and Business Administrator Katie Chambers.

Board Member Comments:

Chairman Dargie announced that there would be a decision about the Superintendent's contract at the next meeting. The public is invited to ask questions or make any comments under Public Comments on the agenda at the next meeting.

Chairman Dargie announced to the Board that Veteran's Day assemblies would occur on Friday, November 8th at Heron Pond School at 9:15 am, 10:15 am, and 2:00 pm.

Chairman Dargie stated that the School Board received an email regarding the Common Core. Chairman Dargie invited the public to attend a School Board meeting to comment on the Common Core.

Public Comment:

There were no public comments.

Reports and Presentations:

a. Superintendent's Report:

1. The Superintendent congratulated the High School Marching Band and their Director Brad Smith. The Band competed last Saturday in the NE School Bands Association Championships in Lawrence, Ma, and achieved their highest score ever in the competition by grading out at an 87.2 and receiving a gold medal.

2. High School students and staff are participating in No Shave November as part of a fund raising effort for local charities.

3. Parent conferences are taking place in all of the schools beginning the week of November 18th.

4. Veteran's Day assemblies will take place in the elementary schools on Friday, November 8th.

5. The Superintendent announced that the School Board and Administrators' Group that includes Principals, Assistant Principals, and Directors have agreed on a new contract that calls for a 5.75% increase over four years with a 0% COLA for next year's budget.

b. Capital Projects Update:

Superintendent Suprenant provided an update on the capital projects. A fund balance of \$296,023.69 is anticipated. One potential change order remains relating to the fire alarm system.

New Business:

a. School Board Goal – Approval of Survey Questions:

Survey Committee Co-Chairs Assistant Principal Chantal Alcox and Parent Sue Halloran presented a Power Point overview of the process for the development of the survey questions. They explained the rationale for the development of many of the questions. Mr. Bragdon commended the work of the committee. Mr. Willette questioned whether the survey could be answered multiple times by one individual. The committee will research that.

Mr. Bragdon moved to approve the survey questions as proposed with flexibility to include questions about building level teachers and administrators. Mr. Willette seconded. All in favor 5-0.

b. 2014 – 2015 Budget Presentation:

Superintendent Suprenant and Business Administrator Katie Chambers presented an overview of the 2014-2015 budget. It was noted that two large numbers have not been finalized - the teachers' contract and the health insurance increase. It is projected that revenues will be significantly less than previous years. Chairman Dargie reminded the Board and public of the next steps which include questions to the Administration from the Budget Committee and School Board.

Old Business:

There was no Old Business.

Housekeeping Items:

a. Approval of Minutes 10/21/13:

Mr. Bragdon moved to approve the minutes of 10/21/13. Mr. Drew seconded. All in favor 4-0-1 with Mr. Willette abstaining.

Public Comment:

There was no public comment.

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

Mr. Bragdon moved to enter non-public session at 8:38 P.M. Mr. Drew seconded. All in favor 5-0.

The Board discussed collective bargaining.

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

Adjournment:

Mr. Dargie moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 P.M. Mr. Willette seconded. All in favor 5-0.

Chairman of the School Board

Date of signing