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**MILFORD SCHOOL BOARD**  
**MINUTES**  
**Monday, October 21, 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, and Mr. Kevin Drew. Mr. Robert Willette was absent. Also present was Superintendent Robert Suprenant.

Board Member Comments:

There were no board member comments.

Public Comment:

There were no public comments.

Reports and Presentations:

a. Superintendent's Report:

1. The Superintendent reviewed with the Board the fact that the high school has had two confirmed cases of MRSA which is a type of staph that is resistant to many antibiotics and can cause skin infections. The Superintendent informed the Board that the Principals have kept parents informed of the situation, and in addition to our custodial staff conducting special cleaning of the locker rooms, we have had a professional service come in and do the same. The District is monitoring the situation closely.

2. Last week, Channel 7 in Boston did a story on Lily Ayotte the Middle School student who was selected as the state student ambassador for NH's Fuel Up to Play 60 Program. The story will appear sometime on that channel in the next couple of weeks.

3. On Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, the counselors at Heron Pond School and Jacques School will present an encore of their spring workshop called Worried Kids and How We Can help. The staff will discuss with parents strategies to help children deal with anxiety.

4. The Superintendent informed the Board that District administration has been making preparations for a 2014–2015 budget presentation in early November. Business Administrator Katie Chambers has been working on the tax rate and it looks like that number might be affected by a decrease in anticipated revenue. Information has been forwarded to the budget committee at their request, and more information will follow as we move forward in the budget process.

b. Review of Progress Toward Meeting School Board Goals:

Chairman Dargie reviewed the Board's progress toward completing the annual School Board goals.

c. Update on Reading Series Roll Out:

Curriculum Coordinator Martha Leck-Leonard, Principal Nancy Maguire, Title 1 Coordinator Meg Peterson, and Teacher Deb Waldo were present to describe the implementation of the new reading series, Reading Wonders. Ms. Leck-Leonard discussed the professional development that has occurred with teachers in preparation for teaching with Reading Wonders. Ms. Waldo, provided examples of the differences in rigor between the prior reading series and Reading Wonders. Ms. Peterson demonstrated the technological resources that

can be used by parents and students to access Reading Wonders at home. Ms. Maguire summarized the satisfaction that staff and students have with the new series.

New Business:

There was no New Business.

Old Business:

There was no Old Business.

Housekeeping Items:

a. Approval of Minutes 10/7/13:

Mr. Mannino moved to approve the minutes of 10/7/13. Mr. Dargie seconded. All in favor 3-0-1 with Mr. Bragdon abstaining.

b. Approval of Manifests:

Mr. Dargie moved to approve the listed manifests. Mr. Mannino seconded. All in favor 4-0.

Public Comment:

There was no public comment.

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

Mr. Bragdon moved to enter non-public session at 8:05 P.M. Mr. Mannino seconded. All in favor 4-0.

Chairman Dargie moved to ratify an agreement with the Milford Administrative Group effective for July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2018. Mr. Bragdon seconded. All in favor 4-0.

The Board discussed collective bargaining.

The Superintendent presented a personnel request to the Board for discussion.

Mr. Mannino moved to exit non-public at 9:11 P.M. Mr. Drew seconded. All in favor 4-0.

Chairman Dargie moved to accept with regret the resignation of Assistant Superintendent Laurie Johnson effective January 3, 2014. Mr. Drew seconded. All in favor 4-0.

Adjournment:

Mr. Mannino moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 P.M. Mr. Drew seconded. All in favor 4-0.

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Chairman of the School Board

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Date of signing

The Mission of the Milford School District is to provide a quality education that challenges all students to succeed.