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MILFORD SCHOOL BOARD
MINUTES
Monday, December 2, 2013

Call to Order:

Chairman Paul Dargie called the meeting to order at 7:02 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 notified the public that the Superintendent's contract had been extended for the 2014-2015 school year.

Public Comment:

There were no public comments.

Reports and Presentations:

a. Student Presentation – The Young Kasamas:

Students Willie Miles and Dominic Nguyen described the work of the Young Kasamas. The students have been doing community service at nursing homes in Milford and described some of the activities they are doing with seniors. The young men entertained questions from the Board.

b. Superintendent's Report:

1. The Superintendent informed the Board that the High School Student Services Department would be hosting a Financial Aid Evening on Wednesday, December 4th at 6:30 in room 182. This year's event will feature a presentation by a member of the NH Association of Student Financial Aid Administration.

2. Out of 21 schools, Milford placed third overall in the division 2 sportsmanship rankings. Boys' volleyball and soccer teams finished first, field hockey third, and football fourth. School rankings include spectator behavior as well as the student athletes.

3. The School Board's survey is in its third week of open administration. The survey for the business community is posted on the town's website, the school district website, and the Souhegan Valley Chamber of Commerce website.

New Business:

There was no new business.

Old Business:

a. Proposed Budget Work Session:

Business Administrator Katie Chambers updated the School Board on new budgetary numbers. New adequacy projections show an anticipated amount of $8,063,805 based on a 2% reduction in enrollment. The new fund balance is anticipated to be $575,000. Ms. Chambers provided an updated estimated tax impact analysis sheet.

Superintendent Suprenant presented a list of potential reductions to the initial budget presentation totaling $600,000. Mr. Mannino requested the amount of money not funded for special education by the federal government for the past 10 years. Mr. Drew stated he would prefer greater prioritization to the use of Perkins funding. Chairman Dargie stated he would prefer grade six and grade three positions be a lesser priority. Mr. Bragdon mentioned he

found it difficult to make a decision without having the results of the teachers' agreement. No action was taken.

b. Superintendent Suprenant presented a list of potential warrant articles. Mr. Mannino advised having a policy regarding wireless access. Chairman Dargie expressed his feeling that repurposing an existing bond article is new spending, not free money. Chairman Dargie recommended including the irrigation of the soccer field in the operating budget. Chairman Dargie suggested that final decisions on warrant articles be made at the next school board meeting.

Housekeeping Items

a. Approval of Minutes 11/18/13:
Mr. Drew moved to approve the minutes of November 18, 2013. Mr. Bragdon seconded. All in favor 5-0.

b. Approval of Manifests:
There were no manifests.

Public Comment:

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

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

The Board discussed applicants for the teacher's early retirement program.

The Board discussed collective bargaining.

The Board discussed a potential student issue.

Mr. Bragdon moved to exit non-public session at 8:58 P.M. Mr. Willette seconded. All in favor 5-0.

Mr. Drew moved to accept the early retirement request of Heron Pond Principal Dr. Peter Bonaccorsi with regret. Mr. Mannino seconded, All in favor 5-0.

Mr. Bragdon moved to accept the early retirement requests of teachers Mr. William Brown, Mrs. Rebecca Kramer, and Mrs. Sheryl Williams. Mr. Drew seconded. All in favor 5-0.

Adjournment:

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

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Chairman of the School Board Date of signing