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MILFORD SCHOOL BOARD
MINUTES
Monday, November 18, 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. Len Mannino, Mr. Peter Bragdon, Mr. Kevin Drew, and Mr. Robert Willette. Also present was Superintendent Robert Suprenant and Business Administrator Katie Chambers.

Chairman Dargie opened the Hearing to Expend Athletic Expendable Trust Funds at 7:00 PM. Business Administrator Katie Chambers presented an overview of the trust fund. Athletic Director Marc Maurais is requesting \$25,000 for the repair of the track and field in the summer of 2014. Ms. Chambers entertained questions from the Board.

Chairman Dargie closed the hearing at 7:10 and opened the Board meeting.

Mr. Bragdon moved to authorize the expenditure of \$25,000 from the Athletic Expendable Trust Fund for the purpose of maintenance of the track. Mr. Willette seconded. All in favor 5-0.

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 informed the Board that Middle School students will run their annual Turkey Trot on Tuesday, November 19th, on the High School track. Participating students must bring canned goods which are then distributed to SHARE. This is the 15th year that the Middle School has held the event and it's a fun way for the students to help those in need.

2. The Superintendent reminded the Board and the public that the first of four performances of Bullshot Drummond begins this Thursday in the High School cafeteria at 7:00 PM.

b. Financial Forecast:

Business Administrator Chambers reviewed the financial forecast for the 2013/2014 school year. It is anticipated that expenditures will be \$553,000 under budget, and anticipated revenues will be \$22,000 over estimates. Ms. Chambers recommended the anticipated fund balance be set at \$550,000.

Mr. Willette moved to set the fund balance at \$575,000. Mr. Bragdon seconded. All in favor 5-0.

New Business:

a. Approval of Copier/Printer Bid:

Business Administrator Chambers explained the benefits of renewing the contract with Specialized Purchasing Consultants to manage the District's copier and servicing bid for five years.

Mr. Bragdon moved to enter into a second five-year agreement with Specialized Purchasing Consultants. Mr. Drew seconded. All in favor 5-0.

Old Business:

a. Proposed Budget Work Session:

Superintendent Suprenant informed the Board that the grant funding for the Adult Education Program would not be available after this year and that funding was not included in the 2014-2015 budget. He explained that most of the participants came from outside of Milford therefore the Administration did not feel it was a priority when other options are available to Milford students.

Chairman Dargie requested the Superintendent prepare a list of reductions totaling \$300,000 and a second list of a further \$300,000 in potential reductions. He requested that the list be presented according to priorities, in increments of not more than \$25,000 - \$75,000.

Mr. Drew expressed advocacy for Nature's Classroom stipends. Chairman Dargie explained that he would rather include money for scholarships for Nature's Classroom instead of stipends. Chairman Dargie stated he would place a priority on the Board's goal of increased academic rigor opportunities at the high school. Mr. Mannino felt a convincing case could be made for restoring the woodworking teacher to full time. Mr. Dargie expressed his interest in the Data Base Administrator position.

Housekeeping Items:

a. Approval of Minutes 11/4/13:

Mr. Willette moved to approve the minutes of 11/4/13. Mr. Bragdon seconded. All in favor 5-0.

b. Approval of Manifests:

Mr. Willette moved to approve the listed manifests. Chairman Dargie seconded. All in favor 5-0.

Public Comment:

Budget Committee Chairman Mr. Joe Stella stated that the Budget Committee would be meeting this Wednesday, November 20th, at 7:00 PM in the Milford High School library.

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

Mr. Bragdon moved to enter non-public session at 7:50 P.M. Mr. Willette seconded. All in favor 5-0.

The Board discussed collective bargaining and personnel issues.

Mr. Bragdon moved to exit non-public session at 8:35 P.M. Mr. Willette seconded. All in favor 5-0.

Mr. Willette moved to accept a teacher's request for extended leave. Mr. Drew seconded. All in favor 5-0. Mr. Willette moved to approve the Superintendent's contract for the 2014-2015 school year. Mr. Bragdon seconded. All in favor 5-0.

Adjournment:

Mr. Bragdon moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 P.M. Mr. Willette seconded. All in favor 5-0.

Chairman of the School Board

Date of signing