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MILFORD SCHOOL BOARD
MINUTES
Monday, January 6, 2014

Call to Order:

Chairman Paul Dargie called the School Board 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:

There were no Board member comments.

Public Comment:

There were no public comments.

Reports and Presentations:

a. Superintendent's Report:

1. Superintendent Suprenant told the Board that students had an extended Holiday vacation due to weather conditions that precipitated the closing of school last Thursday and Friday, January 2nd and 3rd, as well as a delayed opening on Monday, January 6th.

2. The Superintendent informed the Board that a minor bus accident occurred at the corner of West and Osgood roads the morning of January 6th, at approximately 10:30. Bus 9 was traveling toward Heron Pond on Osgood Road when an automobile apparently pulled in front of the bus from West Street. No students reported injuries and there was minor damage to the school bus. It did not appear that the accident was weather-related. Parents of Heron Pond students were notified very quickly by Principal Bonaccorsi by email.

3. The Superintendent gave the Board an update on the heating issues at the Middle School. The maintenance staff has invested a great deal of time and resources to the heating issues. In particular, Control Technologies has been in and discovered that many of the electronic control points were not being read by the control panel in addition to a number of mechanical issues. As of today, January 6th, things seem to be much improved in the classrooms. The Art rooms and the gymnasium are still a work in progress though the Art rooms were better today.

4. The Sage School has been awarded a \$5,000 grant by Lowe's for improvements to the ceiling and painting of the gymnasium in the Bales Building. Special thanks to Director of Special Services, Johanna Johnson, for applying for the competitive grant.

b. Quarterly Reports:

1. Granite Town Media Advisory Committee:

Mr. Drew was unable to attend the December meeting. The topic for that meeting was how to broadcast Budget Committee meetings.

2. Wellness:

Chairman Dargie reported the committee will meet on January 7th.

3. ATC: Mr. Drew reported that a meeting has been scheduled for later this month.

4. Technology:

Chairman Dargie reported the committee met in early December and discussed the status of technology issues.

5. Professional Development:

Mr. Drew reported the committee met in early November. Discussions included the use of technology in the classrooms.

6. Capital Improvement Plan:

Chairman Dargie reported there have been no new meetings.

New Business:

There was no new business.

Old Business:

a. Policy Proposals:

Mr. Willette moved to approve the second reading of the following policies; 2503-Evaluation of Teacher Job Performance, 3515-Attendance, Absenteeism, and Truancy, and 4085-Concussions and Head Injuries. Mr. Dargie seconded. All in favor 5-0.

b. Budget Related Decisions:

Business Administrator Katie Chambers described the calculation of the 2014/15 default budget. The default calculation is \$36,921,772 or \$622,656 less than the current appropriation. Mr. Bragdon questioned the inclusion of natural gas and electricity contracts in the default budget. Mr. Bragdon moved to adopt the default budget of \$36,921,771. Mr. Willette seconded. All in favor 3-2, with Mr. Dargie and Mr. Drew opposed.

The Board reviewed the proposed Warrant.

Article 1: To Repurpose Proceeds of Capital Improvements Bond to provide wireless access infrastructure District-wide and carpet replacement at the High School.

Mr. Bragdon moved to place item 1 on the warrant. Mr. Willette seconded. All in favor 5-0. Ms. Chambers stated there may be language changes based on Attorney Drescher's recommendations.

Mr. Dargie requested a motion to support Article 1. Mr. Drew moved and Mr. Willette seconded. All in favor 5-0.

Article 2: Operating Budget.

Mr. Bragdon moved to place article 2 on the warrant. Mr. Drew seconded. All in favor 5-0.

Mr. Dargie requested a motion to support Article 2. All in favor 5-0.

Article 3: Collective Bargaining Agreement with Milford Administrative Group.

Mr. Bragdon moved to place Article 3 on the warrant. Mr. Willette seconded. All in favor 5-0.

Mr. Dargie requested a motion to support Article 3. All in favor 5-0.

Budget Committee members Tricia Shea and Ron Carvell stated it would be good to have further explanation of the proposed Administrators' Contract. Members of the administration and School Board will attend the next Budget Committee meeting on January 15th.

The Board expressed no interest in a special meeting should the Milford Administrative Group Collective Bargaining Agreement fail.

Article 4: Expanded High School Parking:

Mr. Bragdon moved to place Article 4 on the warrant. Mr. Willette seconded. All in favor 5-0.

Mr. Dargie requested a motion to support Article 4. 4-1, with Mr. Mannino opposed.

Housekeeping Items

a. Approval of Minutes 12/16/13:

Mr. Bragdon moved to approve the minutes of December 16, 2013. Mr. Drew seconded. All in favor 5-0.

b. Approval of Manifests:

Mr. Willette moved to approve the listed manifests and Treasurer's report for November, 2013. Mr. Dargie seconded. All in favor 5-0.

Public Comment:

Budget Committee member Tricia Shea asked if all proper planning had been done for the proposed parking plan. Ms. Chambers responded that storm water management and engineering were included in the cost of the warrant article. Mr. Mannino stated the barrier between the parking and homes might be an issue.

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

Mr. Bragdon moved to enter non-public session at 7:45 P.M. Mr. Willette seconded. All in favor 5-0.

The Board reviewed the sealed minutes of a December 16, 2013 hearing regarding a student issue.

The Board discussed collective bargaining strategies.

Mr. Bragdon moved to exit non-public at 8:50 PM. Mr. Willette seconded. All in favor 5-0.

Mr. Bragdon moved to approve the sealed minutes of the December 16th student hearing. Mr. Drew seconded. All in favor 5-0.

The Board approved a salary range of \$85,000 - \$95,000 for the position of Director of Curriculum and Instruction.

The Board approved a salary range of \$90,000 - \$100,000 for the 2014/2015 Heron Pond Principal position.

Adjournment:

Mr. Bragdon moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 P.M. Mr. Willette seconded. All in favor 5-0.

Chairman of the School Board

Date of signing

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