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MILFORD SCHOOL BOARD
MINUTES
Monday, February 3, 2014

Call to Order:

Chairman Paul Dargie called the School Board meeting to order at 7:00 PM in room 182 in the Milford High School. Board members present included Mr. Peter Bragdon, Mr. Kevin Drew, and Mr. Robert Willette. Mr. Len Mannino was absent. Also present were 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. The Superintendent informed the Board that 18 high school student athletes attended the annual NH Scholar Athlete Program at the Capitol Center in Concord, these students participated in two varsity level sports, maintained a minimum B- average, and demonstrated good community service. The Superintendent congratulated those students and the large number of Milford student-athletes who qualified.

2. The Superintendent congratulated Middle School student Sarah Army, winner of the school's annual Spelling Bee contest. Sarah will participate in the regional contest on March 1st.

3. Six grade students are taking part in a Read-A-Thon on Friday, February 21st. All participating students will read for 100 minutes and will accept pledges of \$1.00 per minute from sponsors. The amount raised will then be applied to offset costs of educational field trips.

4. Kindergarten and first grade registration for next school year begins Tuesday, February 18th at 6:00 PM during Parent Information Night. Like spring training, a sure sign that winter is coming to an end.

New Business:

a. We the People Donation Request:

Chairman Dargie changed the order of the agenda to allow the We the People team to be heard prior to other business.

Students Rachel Quirbach and Andrew Fuhs summarized their achievements this year as state champions. They described their fund-raising efforts in order to participate in the national competition in Washington D.C. Teacher Dave Alcox spoke about the plans for the trip to Washington.

Chairman Dargie moved to approve \$2,254.00 or 10% of the total cost in accordance with School Board policy 5100. Mr. Drew seconded. All in favor 4-0.

Reports and Presentations:

b. Superintendent's Report on 6-Month Progress of School District Goals:

Superintendent Suprenant outlined the reporting process by referring to the District Goals document included in the Board packet.

Goal A: Director of Special Services Ms. Johanna Johnson and Assistant Director of Special Services Mr. Michael Hatfield distributed documents describing the strategies used to achieve goal #1, increasing student growth by 10% as demonstrated through NWEA scores. Ms. Johnson and Mr. Hatfield entertained questions from the School Board relative to the strategies used to achieve this goal.

Goal B 1: Superintendent Suprenant reminded the Board that High School administration had recommended a number of activities to reach the Board's goal of increasing academic opportunities for advanced students at the High School level. These activities, including implementing a New Hampshire Scholars program and adding advanced courses, remain in the 2014-2015 budget proposal.

Goal B 2: Elementary Curriculum Coordinator Ms. Martha Leck-Leonard and Ms. Beth Dunham, District Reading Specialist, spoke to Goal B2, implementing the Common Core in Mathematics and Reading. Ms. Leck-Leonard and Ms. Dunham distributed a document summarizing the District's professional development activities and efforts with students to date towards this goal.

Goal C: Superintendent Suprenant informed the Board that the District's efforts on goal C, Civic and Community Engagement, would be presented at the February 17th School Board meeting.

Goals D and E: Superintendent Suprenant summarized the District's efforts toward these goals.

New Business:

- b. Special Education Aid:
Postponed until next meeting.

Old Business:

- a. Budget/Deliberative Session:
Chairman Dargie informed the Board of the Budget Committee's proposed budget of \$37,300,000, which is \$305,537 less than the School Board's. Mr. Dargie reviewed the Superintendent's list of reductions designed to meet the Budget Committee's recommendation.

Mr. Dargie moved to change the School Board's proposed budget to \$37,300,000 to agree with the Budget Committee's. Mr. Bragdon seconded. Ron Carvell and Tricia Shea, Budget Committee members, felt that the budget number would be amenable to the majority of the Budget Committee. Mr. Drew stated he would reluctantly vote in favor of the number as he was not in agreement with some of the recommended reductions. All in favor 4-0.

Housekeeping Items:

Nominations:

- a. Mr. Bragdon moved and Mr. Willette seconded to approve the nomination of Linda Pare as long term science substitute at the High School. All in favor 4-0.

- b. Approval of Minutes 1/21/14, Budget Hearing Minutes 1/21/14, and Bond Hearing Minutes 1/21/14. Mr. Bragdon moved to approve the listed minutes of January 21, 2014. Mr. Drew seconded. All in favor 4-0.

b. Approval of Manifests:

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

Public Comment:

There were no public comments.

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

There was no non-public session.

Adjournment:

Mr. Willette moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:42P.M. Mr. Bragdon seconded. All in favor 4-0.

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.