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MILFORD SCHOOL BOARD
MINUTES
Tuesday, January 21, 2014

Call to Order:

Chairman Paul Dargie called the School Board meeting to order at 8:46 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 congratulated David Alcox and Milford High School's We the People Team for winning the state championship. Mr. Alcox and the team will be at the next School Board meeting for a presentation.

2. The Superintendent congratulated Middle School student Katharine Raiano for winning the Middle School's Geography Bee contest. Katherine will now take a written test and, if she finishes in the top 100 in the state, she will compete in the state finals to determine whether she qualifies for the national contest in Washington.

3. The Superintendent reported on a number of activities that were scheduled in each building for teacher workshop day. Common themes included CPR training for certain staff, training with interventions, and ongoing training on the new Reading program, Reading Wonders. The Superintendent will be meeting with Special Education and the Curriculum Team and will have a progress report on how the new Wonder Works intervention program is going. The High School focused on NEASC and is preparing for the second semester which begins next Monday. First semester finals are this Thursday and Friday.

4. The Department of Education released preliminary drop-out numbers last week and the High School showed a four year drop-out rate of 2.65% which is very good. The state average was 5.14%. The superintendent stated that this was only preliminary data.

b. Technology Update:

Director of Technology Jerry Stajduhar provided an update on technology in the District. The cabling for fiber optic has been completed but not yet technologically connected. Mr. Stajduhar explained the intent of wireless technology and its potential benefits for student instruction. Mr. Mannino questioned whether emergency phone calls can be made from classroom phones and at what point does the District stop purchasing desktop computers. Budget Committee Chairman Joe Stella and member Ron Carvell both stated their support for the installation of wireless.

New Business:

There was no new business.

Old Business:

a. Approval of Warrant Articles:

Mr. Bragdon moved to change the default budget to \$36,965,334. Mr. Willette seconded. All in favor 5-0. Business Administrator Chambers explained the reason for the change in the default budget.

Housekeeping Items

a. Approval of Minutes 1/6/14:

Mr. Bragdon moved to approve the minutes of January 6, 2014. Mr. Drew seconded. All in favor 5-0.

b. Approval of Manifests:

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

Public Comment:

There were no public comments.

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

Mr. Bragdon moved to enter non-public session at 9:15 P.M. Mr. Drew seconded. All in favor 5-0.

Human Resource Director Jen Burk presented a teacher sick bank request. The request is for 12 ½ days for maternity purposes.

Superintendent Suprenant provided an update on collective bargaining.

Mr. Bragdon moved to exit non-public at 9:35 PM. Mr. Drew seconded. All in favor 5-0.

Mr. Bragdon moved to approve the sick bank request. Mr. Drew second. All in favor 5-0.

Adjournment:

Mr. Bragdon moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 P.M. Mr. Drew 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.