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MILFORD SCHOOL BOARD
MINUTES
Monday, February 24, 2014

Call to Order:

Chairman Paul Dargie called the meeting to order at 7:04PM. Board members present were Mr. Kevin Drew, Mr. Robert Willette, Mr. Peter Bragdon, and Mr. Len Mannino. Also present were District administrators Superintendent Robert Suprenant and Business Administrator Katie Chambers.

Public Comment:

Chairman Dargie distributed a document summarizing the status of this year's collective bargaining process between the School Board and the Teachers Association. He stated that the purpose of tonight's special Board meeting was for the School Board to act on the recently completed Fact-Finders Report in a timely fashion in order to move the process to the next steps as quickly as possible. After describing the major areas of impasse, he explained the remaining options available to the Board and the teachers if a special legislative meeting to act on the Fact-Finders report is desired.

Resident and Teacher Negotiator Suzanne Schedin thanked the Board for having the special meeting. She encouraged the Board to vote in favor of the Fact-Finders Report as no other area teachers' agreement has a tiered health plan.

New Business:

Chairman Dargie informed the Board he would not vote in favor of the Fact-Finders Report as he feels the Group 3 is important and because he feels the contract is still very competitive with others in the area. Mr. Bragdon informed the Board he too would not vote in favor of the contract given that teachers had received substantial raises when many Milford residents were unemployed.

Mr. Bragdon moved to reject the Fact-Finders report. Mr. Willette seconded. All in favor 5-0.

Housekeeping Items:

a. Approval of Minutes 2/17/14.

Mr. Bragdon moved to approve the minutes of February 17, 2014. Mr. Willette seconded. All in favor 5-0.

Public Comment:

Resident and Teacher Negotiator Paula Durand expressed her disappointment with the School Board's vote and described how a tiered Health premium plan makes it difficult for teachers to work together.

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

Mr. Bragdon moved to enter into non-public session for the purpose of collective bargaining at 7:20PM. Mr. Willette seconded. All in favor 5-0.

Mr. Bragdon moved to exit non-public at 7:45 PM. Mr. Drew seconded. All in favor 5-0.

Adjournment:

Mr. Bragdon moved to adjourn at 7:45 PM. 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.