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MILFORD SCHOOL BOARD
MINUTES
Monday, March 17, 2014

Call to Order:

Superintendent Robert Suprenant called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM in room 182 in the Milford High School. Board members present included Mr. Paul Dargie, Mr. Robert Willette, Mr. Kevin Drew, Mr. Len Mannino and Mr. Peter Bragdon. Also present were District administrators Superintendent Robert Suprenant, and Business Administrator Katherine Chambers.

Organization of School Board (per policy 2154):

- a. Election of Officers
 1. Chairperson: Mr. Bragdon nominated Mr. Dargie. All in favor 5-0.
 2. Vice Chairperson: Mr. Bragdon nominated Mr. Drew. All in favor 5-0.
 3. Secretary: District administration will handle Board clerical responsibilities.

- b. Appointments
 1. Truant Officer (RSA 189:34 & 35): Chairman Dargie appointed the Milford Police Department to serve in this capacity until a school resource officer is selected.

- c. School Board Representatives to Advisory Committees: The following representatives to Advisory Committees were appointed by Chairman Dargie.
 1. Professional Development Committee: Kevin Drew
 2. Applied Technology Center Advisory Committee: Kevin Drew
 3. Technology Committee: Paul Dargie
 4. Wellness Committee: Paul Dargie
 5. Granite Town Media Advisory Committee: Kevin Drew
 6. Regional Services Education Center Board of Directors (RSEC): Len Mannino
 7. Capital Improvements Plan – Citizens' Advisory Committee (CIP-CAP): Paul Dargie

- d. School Board Standing Sub-Committees:
 1. Finance: Paul Dargie and Bob Willette
 2. Policy Review: Paul Dargie and Bob Willette

Board Member Comments:

Chairman Dargie noted that members of Boy Scout Troop 407 were in attendance earning merit badges in communication.

Chairman Dargie reviewed the special Board meeting of March 3, 2014.

Mr. Dargie thanked the Milford voters for their support on voting day.

Public Comment:

There was no public comment.

Reports and Presentations:

- a. Superintendent's Report
 1. Superintendent Suprenant thanked the citizens of Milford for their approval of all warrant articles except the parking.

2. The Superintendent congratulated Shelby Wheeler for winning the President's Volunteer Award. The award goes to a student who makes exemplary contributions to school and community. Shelby received a letter from President Obama congratulating her for her efforts.
3. The Superintendent informed the Board that high school administration will host an information night for parents of next year's freshmen in the cafeteria on Monday, March 24th at 6:30PM.
4. Middle School student Lilly Ayotte continues to receive much recognition for her healthy eating initiative through the Fuel Up to Play 60 program. On March 4th Lilly appeared on the national television program The Chew and also appeared in Nashua recently with Nashua resident and NFL player Kendall Reyes.
5. The Superintendent informed the Board that he had included the recently completed on-site review of the District's Title I program in the Board's packet. He noted the very complimentary report and the citation that Milford's Title I program is exceeding expectations. The Superintendent congratulated Title I Director Meg Peterson and the Title I staff.

New Business:

a. Student Requests – Class Project:

Chairman Dargie informed the Board that he had received 10 emails from students as part of a high school class project. Each email contained a specific topic for the Board to respond to. Mr. Dargie referenced a summary he included in the Board packet and addressed each of the requests.

Student Alex Taylor spoke about football helmets.

Mr. Dargie stated his support for these types of school projects.

b. School Board Calendar for New Term:

Mr. Dargie reviewed the school board calendar for 2014 – 2015. Mr. Bragdon moved to approve the school board calendar for 2014 – 2015. Mr. Willette seconded. All in favor 5-0.

c. School Board Goals for New Term – Preliminary Discussion:

The Board discussed the following potential goals:

1. Teachers' Contract.
2. Expansion of foreign language program at Milford High School.
3. Technology and Bring Your Own Device initiative.

Mr. Mannino referenced the recent stake holder survey as a starting point to develop goals.

Mr. Dargie suggested a School Board Facebook site be established as a further means to communicate with the public. The Board agreed to allow Mr. Dargie to proceed with a trial run on Facebook.

d. School District Calendar 2014 - 2015:

Mr. Bragdon moved to approve the 2014-2015 School District calendar. Mr. Drew seconded. All in favor 5-0.

e. Special Meeting Petition:

Chairman Dargie reviewed the petition as signed by 96 Milford voters.

Chairman Dargie moved to petition the Superior Court for permission to hold a special emergency meeting of the Milford School District, in accordance with NH RSA 197:3, for the purpose of presenting the Fact Finder's report and the costs of the Fact Finder's recommendations relative to the matter of collective bargaining between the Milford School District and the Milford Teachers' Association.

Mr. Drew seconded. All in favor 3-2 (Mr. Mannino and Mr. Willette opposed).

Chairman Dargie stated the District will file the paperwork but the Teachers' Association will be responsible for presenting to Superior Court in accordance with the settlement agreement between the teachers and the Board. Business Administrator Chambers explained the timing process for the next steps and the Board can deliberate on this until the first Board meeting in April.

Old Business:

There was no Old Business.

Housekeeping Items:

a. Approval of Minutes 2/24/14:

Mr. Bragdon moved to approve the 2/24/14 minutes. Mr. Drew seconded. All in favor 5-0.

b. Approval of Minutes 3/3/14:

Mr. Bragdon moved to approve the 3/3/14 minutes. Mr. Drew seconded. All in favor 4-0-1. (Mr. Mannino abstained).

c. Approval of Manifests:

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

Mr. Bragdon moved to enter non-public session at 8:20 PM. Mr. Drew seconded. All in favor 5-0.

a. Sealed Minutes Review:

The Board reviewed the sealed minutes.

b. Collective Bargaining:

The Board discussed the collective bargaining process.

c. Personnel:

Business Administrator Chambers announced to the Board her plans to retire at the end of September 2014.

Mr. Bragdon moved to exit non-public at 9:15 PM. Mr. Drew seconded. All on favor 5-0.

Mr. Drew moved to accept Business Administrator Chamber's retirement with regret. Mr. Bragdon seconded. All in favor 5-0.

Adjournment

Mr. Bragdon moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 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.