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**MILFORD SCHOOL BOARD**  
**MINUTES**  
**Monday, June 2, 2014**

Call to Order:

Chairman Paul Dargie called the School Board meeting to order at 7:05 PM in the Milford High School, room # 182. Board members present included Mr. Kevin Drew, Mr. Len Mannino and Mr. Peter Bragdon. Mr. Robert Willette was absent. Also present were Superintendent Robert Suprenant and Business Administrator Katie Chambers.

Board Member Comments:

Chairman Dargie introduced New Hampshire School Board Association Director Dr. Ted Comstock and New Hampshire School Board Association President, Dr. Anthony Pastelis. Dr. Comstock and Dr. Pastelis presented the New Hampshire School Board Association's regional scholarship award to Milford High School student Leslie Drew. Leslie's Dad, Kevin, is a Milford School Board member. Dr. Pastelis acknowledged Leslie's outstanding achievements.

Chairman Dargie acknowledged receipt of a letter of appreciation from the Destination Imagination teams.

Public Comments:

Kelly Mullin, a Milford parent, questioned why there had been no communication to the community regarding the hiring of the new Assistant Principal at the Heron Pond Elementary school. Discussion followed.

Reports and Presentations:

a. Superintendent's Report:

1. The Superintendent acknowledged high school student Dana Mikkelsen for winning the annual Kaley Speaking Contest. Dana's topic was entitled Monitoring Police Brutality. She was awarded a \$100.00 cash prize in recognition of her efforts.
2. The Superintendent informed the Board that Windows on West Street has been nominated as one of three nominees for the Souhegan Valley Small Business of the Year Award by the Chamber of Commerce. The winner of the Small Business will be presented at the Annual chamber Dinner this Thursday evening at LaBelle's Winery in Amherst.
3. The Milford High School Scholarship Awards Night is scheduled for Tuesday, June 10<sup>th</sup> in the high school gymnasium.
4. The Superintendent reminded the Board that \$30,000 was built into the budget for the purpose of adding intervention programs in the District, one of the areas cited in the Focused Monitoring study. The District has decided to purchase Read 180 for the Middle School program and continue with wonder Works for Title I students.
5. Superintendent Suprenant informed the Board that the District was recently notified that there were surplus funds available through Title II A, so the District applied for funding to support ten mathematics teachers to take a two credit UNH course on teaching mathematics to the new standards at a site within Milford. The Department of Education notified the Superintendent today that Milford had been granted that award, so teachers will be notified of the availability of that valuable coursework worth \$8,700.

b. Quarterly Reports:

Granite Town Media Advisory Committee:

Mr. Drew reported on a meeting last week and questioned who will be participating on GTMAC from the school. Superintendent Suprenant will check into this.

Wellness Committee:

Mr. Dargie reported on the new nutritional standards to be implemented in the fall. Business Administrator Chambers entertained questions from the Board. Mr. Mannino expressed his concern about the reason for the program's implementation.

Technology Committee:

Chairman Dargie reported that the Technology Committee has not met recently.

Professional Development:

Mr. Drew reported on the integration of student learning objectives into the teacher evaluation plan.

Capital Improvement Plan:

Mr. Dargie reported that the first meeting will be this week.

ATC Regional Center Advisory Committee:

Mr. Drew reported the next meeting will be June 17<sup>th</sup>.

New Business:

a. Bid Award - Copiers:

Business Administrator Chambers recommended the Board enter into a copier agreement with M.S.T. Government Leasing not to exceed the aggregate cost of \$289,328.87 through August 1, 2018. She then provided an analysis of the proposed agreement and advantages of the proposal to the District.

Mr. Bragdon moved to accept the proposed resolution as included in the Board packet. Mr. Drew seconded. Discussion followed. All in favor 4-0. Said resolution is hereby attached as a permanent part of these minutes.

Parent Carla Boudreau questioned how to dispose of existing equipment.

b. Approval of Title IIA Class Size Reduction Teacher:

Superintendent Suprenant summarized the proposal as included in his memo to the School Board in the Board's packet. Parent Carla Boudreau provided the Board with current projections and class size ratios. Parent Elizabeth St. Jean expressed her concern about 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class size. Parent Jill Langelier spoke about sixth grade class sizes and asked what is done with Mason tuition money. Parent Kelly Mullen questioned the hiring of less experienced teachers to reduce class sizes.

Mr. Bragdon moved to allow the Superintendent to utilize Title IIA funds where appropriate. Mr. Drew seconded. All in favor 4-0. Mr. Dargie directed the Superintendent to provide a proposal at the next Board meeting for an additional 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher.

c. Proposed 2014 – 2015 District Goals:

Superintendent Suprenant summarized the District proposals. Chairman Dargie suggested including details on Capital Projects. Such plans would include the use of the Bales School. Administration will finalize the proposals for the next Board meeting.

Old Business:

a. Bid Award – Asbestos Abatement:

Business Administrator Chambers described changes to the asbestos abatement bid award and summarized her memo to the Board. She recommended withdrawing the bid award to Advanced Building Systems and award to Air Quality Experts, Inc.

Mr. Bragdon moved to withdraw the Advanced Building Systems, Inc. award and award to Air Quality Experts, Inc. pending successful completion of the contract. Mr. Dargie amended the motion that if Air Quality Experts, Inc. cannot complete the contract, it be awarded to Enviro Vantage, Inc. Mr. Drew seconded. All in favor 4-0.

Housekeeping Items:

Nominations:

Mr. Bragdon moved to approve the following nominations. Mr. Drew seconded. All in favor 4-0.

Donald Jalbert - Director of Technical Studies.

Jane St. Onge - Speech Therapist.

Approval of Minutes 5/19/14:

No approval due to lack of quorum in attendance from the May 19<sup>th</sup> Board meeting. Will be re-presented at the June 16<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

Approval of Manifests:

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

Public Comment:

There were no public comments.

Non-Public Session:

There was no non-public session.

Adjournment:

Mr. Bragdon moved to adjourn at 8:37 PM. Mr. Drew seconded. All in favor 4-0.

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Chairman of the School Board

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Date of signing

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