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MILFORD SCHOOL BOARD
MINUTES
Monday, June 16, 2014

Call to Order:

Chairman Paul Dargie called the School Board meeting to order at 8:00 PM in the Milford High School, room # 182. Board members present included Mr. Kevin Drew, Mr. Len Mannino and Mr. Robert Willette. Mr. Peter Bragdon was absent. Also present were Superintendent Robert Suprenant, Business Administrator Katie Chambers, and Director of Human Resources Jen Burk.

Board Member Comments:

Mr. Drew reported that the Annual ATC meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 17, 2014.

Mr. Mannino requested the School Board provide responses to the questions that resulted from the public Budget Hearing. Mr. Willette would like the Board to review the suggestions from the Hearing.

Public Comments:

There were no public comments.

Reports and Presentations:

a. Superintendent's Report:

1. The Superintendent informed the Board that the Milford High School Culinary Program had been awarded the Small Business of the Year Award by the Souhegan Valley Chamber of Commerce. Superintendent Suprenant congratulated teachers Fred Robinson, Cheryl Emerson, Paul Joyce and all the students in the program.

2. The High School's Annual Scholarship Evening was held on June 3, 2014, and a total of \$111,565 was awarded to seniors including \$35,500 from Dollars for Scholars. The Superintendent thanked all who helped make attending post-secondary institutions a little less burdensome for Milford families.

3. The Middle School Conclusion Ceremony and end of Year Dance is scheduled for Thursday, June 19, 2014, in the Middle School gymnasium at 6:30 PM.

4. The Superintendent followed up on a question from Board member Kevin Drew regarding representation on the Granite Town Media Advisory Committee. New Director of Technical Studies Don Jalbert will represent the SAU while teacher Dave Alcox will serve as a community representative.

5. The last day of school for students is Friday, June 20, and teachers will complete their year on Monday June 23 with a professional development day. The Superintendent thanked all staff, bus drivers, maintenance, paraprofessionals, teachers, and administrators for making this another successful year for our students.

6. Business Administrator Katie Chambers reported on the scheduling of buildings and grounds projects for the summer.

New Business:

a. Bid Award - Wireless:

Director of Information Technology Jerry Stajduhar described the bidding process and the fact that seven companies bid on the project. Mr. Stajduhar explained the vetting system used to determine the award.

Resident Rob Huchins questioned the difference in wireless access that students will experience from their current status with the implementation of this contract .

Resident Jason St. Jean asked for the level of service maintenance associated with the contract.

Mr. Drew moved to award the installation of a District-wide wireless access system to Fusion Connex LLC, for \$74,085.00. Mr. Willette seconded. All in favor 4-0.

b. Progress Report 2013 – 2014 District Goals:

Assistant Director of Special Education, Mike Hatfield explained the District's progress toward Goal A, improvement toward accelerated growth. Mr. Hatfield expressed that 7.5% more students had achieved accelerated growth than last year. This was short of the District's goal but still demonstration of improvement.

Superintendent Suprenant described District progress to all other goals.

Old Business:

a. Proposed 2014 -2015 District Goals:

Mr. Suprenant summarized the District's proposed goals. Mr. Willette moved to approve the 2014-2015 District Goals. Mr. Drew seconded. All in favor 4-0.

b. 6th Grade Teacher Proposal:

Superintendent Suprenant highlighted the supporting documents in the Board packet and recommended adding a sixth grade teacher for 2014-2015. Budget Committee member Rick Wood asked for clarification on the Premium Holiday.

Mr. Drew moved to approve an additional grade six teacher. Mr. Mannino seconded. All in favor 4-0.

Mr. Dargie declared a 5 minute recess at 8:40 PM. Meeting reconvened at 8:45 PM.

Mr. Willette moved to petition the court to reconsider their decision on an emergency meeting. Mr. Mannino seconded. Mr. Mannino stated he believes the Board should seek further advice from Attorney Drescher.

Mr. Willette withdrew his motion and requested a special school board meeting with legal counsel at an appropriate time.

Mr. Mannino reiterated his wishes for getting Attorney Drescher's advice. Discussion followed. Mr. Drew stated he will not support the motion.

Mr. Daniels stated the issue is the Fact Finders report and related cost items.

Teacher Ms. Suzanne Schedin stated that the Fact Finders Report was not meant to undo negotiations.

Mr. Mannino spoke regarding undue liability on the District.

Chairman Dargie stated that he and Superintendent Suprenant will talk with Attorney Drescher on Tuesday and bring concerns to a special School Board meeting if warranted.

Parent Ms. Carla Boudreau questioned whether a vote would be taken at this meeting to have a special School Board meeting.

Housekeeping Items:

Nominations:

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

Adriana Linn – Spanish Teacher

Kerry Hamel – Occupational Therapist

Coral Ropple – Grade 5 Teacher

Rebecca Lyon – Grade 3 Teacher

Annabelle Harris – Grade 2 Teacher.

Approval of Minutes 5/19/14:

Mr. Drew moved to approve the 5/19/14 School Board Minutes. Mr. Willette seconded. All in favor 3-0-1. (Mr. Mannino abstained).

Approval of Minutes 6/2/14:

Mr. Drew moved to approve the 6/2/14 School Board Minutes. Mr. Mannino seconded. All in favor 3-0-1. (Mr. Willette abstained).

Approval of Manifests and Treasurer's Reports:

Mr. Dargie moved to approve the listed manifests, and Treasurer's Reports of December, 2013, January 2014, February 2014, March 2014, and April 2014. Mr. Drew seconded. All in favor 4-0.

Public Comment:

There were no public comments.

Non-Public Session:

Mr. Willette moved to enter non-public session at 9:30 PM. Mr. Drew seconded. All in favor 4-0.

The Superintendent recommended a salary adjustment for a classified employee for 2014-2015.

Mr. Willette moved to exit non-public at 9:50 PM. Mr. Drew seconded. All in favor 4-0.

Mr. Drew moved to approve a salary of \$72,000 for Title 1 Director Meg Peterson for the 2014-2015 school year. Mr. Willette seconded. All in favor 4-0.

Adjournment:

Mr. Willette moved to adjourn at 9:50 PM. Mr. Drew seconded. All in favor 4-0.

Chairman of the School Board

Date of signing