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MILFORD SCHOOL BOARD
MINUTES
Monday, August 18, 2014

Call to Order:

Chairman Paul Dargie called the School Board meeting to order at 7:00 PM, in the Milford High School, room # 182. Board members present included Mr. Kevin Drew, Mr. Robert Willette, Mr. Len Mannino, and Mr. Peter Bragdon. Also present were Superintendent Robert Suprenant, Business Administrator Katie Chambers, and Director of Curriculum and Instruction Dr. Patricia Fazioli.

Board Member Comments:

There were no Board member comments.

Public Comments:

There were no public comments.

Reports and Presentations:

a. Superintendent's Report:

1. The Superintendent informed the Board that summer school programs for students will be ending shortly. Many students took advantage of the activities offered over the summer, particularly those offered through IDEA and special education where they experienced the greatest participation.

The Buildings and Grounds personnel are finalizing the preparation of school buildings for next week. Many projects have been completed, but some will not be finished until after the start of the school year, such as the removal of the oil tank at the Middle School and the retrofitting of the oil fired furnace at the Middle School. Projects like the asbestos abatement and installation of tile and carpeting at the High School, installation of irrigation on the soccer field, and the refinishing of the track have been completed. Installation of wireless is slated to be completed by August 29, 2014. The Superintendent commended the staff on an excellent job cleaning and preparing the buildings.

2. Parents of all grade levels were able to update registration information for new and returning students on August 14th and August 19th in the high school cafeteria between the hours of 7:00 AM and 7:00 PM.

3. The District has received Title IIA funding which enabled the hiring of a grade three teacher under the Class Size Reduction Act. Administration is currently monitoring first grade enrollments. As of today 154 students are enrolled in first grade. 142 students were forecast. Class sizes are currently at 22:1 in first grade.

4. On August 13th administrators, nurses, and counselors had a 504 refresher training seminar presented by Attorney Barbara Loughman. The training updated staff on the development of 504 accommodation plans.

5. The first Leadership Meeting for administrators will be held August 19th. One of the sessions is focused on developing plans to implement the new regulation requiring that 20% of a teacher's evaluation be based on student performance. Two representatives from the NH Department of Education will be present to help with that endeavor.

6. New teacher induction activities will be held August 20th, 21st and 22nd. Eighteen teachers new to Milford will take part in training, building level meetings, and District level meetings designed to introduce them to the school community. All teachers will be assigned mentors to help them navigate through their first school year in Milford.

7. On Tuesday, August 26th there will be an opening breakfast for all staff in the High School cafeteria. This day has always been filled with enthusiasm as new staff is introduced and longevity rewards are given to those who have worked in our schools.

b. Annual Report – Regional Center Advisory Committee:

Former Director Rosie Deloge provided the annual ATC report. Dr. Deloge reported in three areas; the findings from the internal review (recording student progress toward competencies in Power School); findings from the external review; and purchases through the Perkins Grant. Dr. Deloge spoke of the new Mechatronics program being offered at Milford High School and Manchester Community College.

New Business:

a. Appointments to ATC Advisory Committee:

Mr. Drew nominated Tim Finan, Carolyn Halstead and John Leslie as community members to the ATC Advisory Committee. Mr. Willette seconded. All in favor 5-0.

b. Request to Modify Budget Development Process – Budget Committee:

Budget Committee Chairman Ron Carvell reviewed the existing budget process and described why the Budget Committee feels the current approach is counterproductive. He requested the Board direct administration to present a budget within a specific cap in order to eliminate emotions attached to reductions in a proposed budget. He explained that this year's Budget Committee will use the experience of the Committee to analyze specific areas of the budget.

c. Approval of Informational Technology Curriculum:

Director of Curriculum and Instruction Dr. Patricia Fazioli reviewed the work of the Informational Technology Curriculum Committee from last year. Dr. Fazioli highlighted specific changes from the previous curriculum to the proposed curriculum.

Mr. Bragdon moved to approve the Informational Technology Curriculum. Mr. Drew seconded. All in favor 5-0.

Old Business:

Housekeeping Items:

Nominations:

Mr. Bragdon moved to approve the following nominations. Mr. Drew seconded. All in favor 5-0.

Chelsea Brooks – Elementary Teacher (1 year grant funded).

Adriana Allen – Grade 6 Teacher (1 year position).

Karen Medeiros – Special Education Reading Teacher.

Sara Straw – P/T Kindergarten Teacher.

Approval of Budget Hearing Minutes 6/16/14:

Mr. Drew moved to approve the Budget Hearing Minutes of 6/16/14. Mr. Willette seconded. All in favor 5-0.

Approval of Minutes 6/16/14:

Mr. Drew moved to approve the minutes of 6/16/14. Mr. Willette seconded. All in favor 4-0-1 (Mr. Bragdon abstained).

Approval of Minutes 8/4/14:

Mr. Drew moved to approve the minutes of 8/4/14. Mr. Willette seconded. All in favor 4-0-1 (Mr. Bragdon abstained).

Approval of Manifests:

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

Public Comment:

Parent Carla Boudreau spoke of the benefits of the summer program for her son.

Mr. Bragdon asked if any changes took place in voting following the Deliberative Session.

Non-Public Session:

Mr. Bragdon moved to enter non-public session at 8:15. Mr. Drew seconded. All in favor 5-0.

The Board discussed a parent request.

Mr. Bragdon moved to exit non-public at 8:33 PM. Mr. Drew seconded. All in favor 5-0.

Mr. Willette moved to approve the parent request. Mr. Drew seconded. All in favor 4-1 (Mr. Bragdon opposed).

Adjournment:

Mr. Bragdon moved to adjourn at 8:34 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.