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MILFORD SCHOOL BOARD
MINUTES
Monday, October 6, 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 and Mr. Len Mannino. Mr. Robert Willette and Mr. Peter Bragdon were absent. Also present were Superintendent Robert Suprenant, Business Administrator Jennifer Burk, Director of Curriculum and Instruction Dr. Patricia Fazioli, and Director of Technology Mr. Jerry Stajduhar.

Board Member Comments:

Chairman Dargie announced he received a letter from Superintendent Suprenant stating his intent to retire on June 30, 2015. Chairman Dargie described the potential search process.

Public Comments:

There were no public comments.

Reports and Presentations:

a. Superintendent's Report:

1. Superintendent Suprenant shared some good news regarding the Jacques Memorial School. After winning an award from WalMart last year, Jacques was nominated by parents for a "We Love Our Schools" award sponsored by Shaw's. Principal Maguire was notified in late September that the school was selected by Shaw's and received a check for \$400.00. The Superintendent congratulated the Jacques School and thanked Shaw's for the award.
2. The Superintendent informed the Board that at the Jacques Memorial Open House last week, 287 families of a possible 299 were in attendance. Also at the Jacques School, Principal Maguire has entered into an arrangement with the Foster Grandparents Program in which senior citizens volunteer their time to work with students. This promises to be a worthwhile effort for your youngest students.
3. Superintendent Suprenant distributed correspondence from Budget Committee Chairman Ron Carvell. The Budget Committee has requested that meetings be established with Principals and Directors to help them understand budgetary needs of particular schools and departments. A Budget Committee member has been assigned to each area.
4. Fall co-curriculars are well underway with the Varsity Football team, Varsity Girls' Volleyball team, and Varsity Girls' field Hockey team enjoying the most success at this point, from a wins and losses viewpoint. Also, the High School Bass fishing team placed fourth in Saturday's statewide competition held on Lake Winnisquam.
5. Business Administrator Jennifer Burk distributed to the Board a listing of heating project priorities for the Middle School as developed by Buildings and Grounds Director Bill Cooper from the Yeaton Report.

b. Quarterly Reports:

Granite Town Media Advisory Committee:

Mr. Drew reported the Granite Town Media Advisory Committee had met and was looking for a link to the District website for athletic activities.

Wellness Committee:

Chairman Dargie reported a meeting was held on September 24th. School representatives reported on Fuel Up to Play 60 programs at each school. The committee discussed the Federal food regulations.

Technology Committee:

Chairman Dargie reported the first meeting will be held this week. Topics will include summer work, viruses, google implementation, and developing District-wide wireless policy.

Professional Development Committee:

Mr. Drew reported he was unable to attend the meeting. Dr. Fazioli reported on the first meeting. There were changes to the evaluation forms and guidelines for those approving professional development activities.

Capital Improvement Plan:

Chairman Dargie reported on a presentation to Selectmen.

ATC Regional Center Advisory Committee:

Mr. Drew reported on a breakfast meeting Friday, October 10 at Windows on West Street in which the School Board is invited. A meeting was held last week and it was decided that aging equipment will be proposed for budget consideration.

5. New Business:

a. Approval of Tractor Financing:

Business Administrator Burk reviewed the bid process for new tractor financing. Mr. Drew moved to award the financing bid to Kubota Leasing pending legal review. Green Campus Partners will serve as fall-back should Kubota not be able to meet the requirements. Mr. Mannino seconded. All in favor 3-0.

b. Approval of Curriculum Review Cycle:

Dr. Fazioli reviewed the work of the Curriculum Team in refreshing the curriculum cycle. She explained a three phase cycle for curriculum review. The Board had many questions about the proposal including its relation to Common Core and the ability to fund the cycle. Discussion centered on textbooks versus technology. Mr. Drew moved to approve the Curriculum Review Cycle. Mr. Mannino seconded. All in favor 3-0.

c. Approval of District Goals Change:

Dr. Fazioli presented an overview of the comparison of moving to a 1:1 computing Chromebook solution versus Bring Your Own device. Questions arose about the cost of the 1:1 computing initiative, ergonomics for the use of mobile devices, and plans for piloting the 1:1 initiative. Chairman Dargie requested delaying action until the full Board is available.

d. Policy Proposals:

Superintendent Suprenant summarized changes to existing policies. Chairman Dargie moved to approve the first reading of policy 2401 - Non-Discrimination, policy 2421 - Procedural Safeguards, and policy 3531 - High School Graduation Requirements. Mr. Drew seconded. All in favor 3-0.

e. 2015-2016 Enrollment Projections:

Chairman Dargie summarized the process for enrollment projections. Mr. Drew moved to approve the 2015-2016 enrollment projections. Mr. Mannino seconded. All in favor 3-0.

Old Business:

There was no Old Business.

Housekeeping Items:

a. Approval of Minutes 9/15/14:

Mr. Drew moved to approve the minutes of 9/15/14. Mr. Mannino seconded. All in favor 5-0.

b. Approval of Manifests:

Chairman Dargie moved to approve the listed manifests. Mr. Drew seconded. All in favor 3-0.

Public Comment:

Carla Boudreau asked if the Board had considered further her request for a public hearing to consider school-year calendar options. She also requested an email be sent to parents reminding them of Board meetings. Administration will look into the email request.

Non-Public Session:

Mr. Drew moved to enter non-public session at 9:30 PM. Mr. Mannino seconded. All in favor 3-0. Mr. Dargie announced that Mr. Bragdon would participate in the non-public discussion via telephone.

The Board discussed collective bargaining.

Mr. Drew moved to exit non-public at 10:00 PM. Mr. Mannino seconded. All in favor 3-0.

Adjournment:

Mr. Drew moved to adjourn at 10:01 PM. Mr. Mannino seconded. All in favor 3-0.

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.