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MILFORD SCHOOL BOARD
MINUTES
Monday, November 3, 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. Len Mannino, Mr. Robert Willette and Mr. Peter Bragdon. Also present were Superintendent Robert Suprenant, Business Administrator Jennifer Burk, and Director of Curriculum Patty 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 provided some follow up information that was requested at the October 20th meeting. At that meeting ATC Director Don Jalbert gave a presentation on competencies. The Board inquired as to the number of MHS students who take VLACS courses. According to Paul Christensen, Director of Guidance, 20-25 students per year take at least one course.

2. The Superintendent informed the Board that on October 28th Senator Ayotte conducted a Leadership Symposium with selected high school students. The event was organized by Social Studies teacher David Alcox. The Superintendent thanked the Senator for her time.

3. The Superintendent congratulated the Middle School girls' soccer team for winning the Division II Tri-County League Championship against Windham.

4. Students at the Heron Pond School will attend their annual T.I.G.E.R. assemblies on November 12th. The TIGER assemblies promote respect and anti-bullying and are funded by the PTO. TIGER is an acronym for *Tolerance, Inclusion, Giving, Empathy, and Respect*. The Superintendent thanked the PTO.

5. The Superintendent informed the Board that two varsity teams are still alive in the high school playoffs. The football team will play top-seeded Windham next week in the opening round of the Division II playoffs. The Girls' Volleyball team is playing in the semi-finals against Gilford this evening at Pinkerton Academy. The Superintendent sent good luck wishes to both Spartan teams.

6. Veterans Day Assemblies will be held next Monday at Heron Pond Elementary School, and School Board members and the public are invited to attend. The students and teachers do an excellent job in honoring those who have served our country and are well worth attending. Assemblies are scheduled for 9:15AM, 10:15AM, and 2:15PM.

b. Superintendent Search Presentation – New Hampshire School Boards Association:

NHSBA Executive Director Ted Comstock expressed the challenge of finding a pool of candidates in the current market. He described the process for a search, explaining that three steps are involved. The first is an assessment of what you are looking for; the second is the recruitment phase; and the third is the selection. Dr. Comstock then described the advantage of hiring NHSBA to facilitate the search.

New Business:

a. 2015-2016 Budget Presentation:

Superintendent Suprenant and Business Administrator Jen Burk presented the 2015-2016 budget overview. Resident Richard Wood questioned the Athletic Director's secretary proposal. Resident Paula Durand asked if there were other individuals certified as Superintendents currently employed in the District. Chairman Dargie reminded all of the next steps in the adopted budget development process.

Old Business:

b. Policy Proposals:

1. Policy 2285 – 2nd Reading – Wellness:

Mr. Mannino commented on the new Food and Nutrition Standards and expressed concern about the one size fits all approach associated with the standards.

Mr. Bragdon moved to approve the second reading of policy 2285 – Wellness. Mr. Drew seconded. All in favor 3-2. (Mr. Bragdon and Mr. Mannino opposed).

Housekeeping Items:

a. Approval of Minutes 10/20/14:

Mr. Bragdon moved to approve the minutes of 10/20/14. Mr. Drew seconded. All in favor 5-0.

b. Approval of Manifests:

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

Public Comment:

There was no public comment.

Non-Public Session:

Mr. Bragdon moved to enter non-public session at 8:42 PM. Mr. Drew seconded. All in favor 5-0.

The Board discussed collective bargaining.

Mr. Bragdon moved to exit non-public at 9:25 PM. Mr. Drew seconded. All in favor 5-0.

Adjournment:

Mr. Bragdon moved to adjourn at 9:25 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.