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MILFORD SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
Tuesday, February 3, 2015

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 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 on Friday, January 23rd Heron Pond Principal Chantal Alcox and Title 1 Director Meg Peterson, along with their respective staffs, hosted a Family Night at the school. Approximately 300 students and family members attended and participated in learning activities throughout the building. Pizza was provided by the PTO and water and apples by the Teachers' Association. Every student left with a new book from the PTO. The Superintendent congratulated all involved for making the evening a wonderful school-community event.

2. The Superintendent reported that high school winter athletic teams were doing well so far this season with the Girls' Basketball team leading the way in Division II with an undefeated record as of this time.

3. The Superintendent informed the Board they have completed the application process for the Director of Special Services position that will become vacant July 1 with the retirement of Johanna Johnson. A District-wide Search Committee began its work today with the intent of having a recommendation to the Board no later than March 16th.

4. The Superintendent acknowledged that recent snow events have been a challenge to our District Buildings and Grounds staff. He commended the work of Bill Copper and his staff for the many hours they have put in to ensure that parking lots and sidewalks have been cleared for students and staff.

b. Annual Auditor's Report:

Ms. Jen Dorr arrived late and reported after the We the People presentation. Ms. Dorr informed the Board that the annual audit resulted in an unmodified report, which is the best report that can be received. Ms. Dorr reviewed specific reports with the School Board with a 2013-2014 year ending fund balance of \$743,887. One recommendation was to ensure student activity deposits occurred within 5 days.

New Business:

a. We the People – National Competition Funding Request:

Class advisor Dave Alcox and students highlighted this year's We the People competition, resulting in a state championship for the team. Mr. Alcox informed the Board that this was the first team to meet in the summer. The team met many political candidates for state office, held a leadership forum with Senator Kelly Ayotte, and attended Jeanne Shaheen's Senate victory party. The students also met with State Supreme Court justices. There were also individual

team member honors. Team member Amanda Alcox was selected Youth Citizen of the Year along with Sarah Miles. Kayla Bullwinkle was the NH Constitution Essay winner. Each student then described the importance of their We the People experience. Mr. Alcox concluded by describing the events taking place to fund their trip to Washington D.C.

Mr. Dargie moved to fund 10% of the total cost of the trip, or \$2,793.00. Mr. Bragdon seconded. All in favor 5-0.

b. Superintendent Search Committee:

Committee member Tricia Shea provided an overview of the process used by the Search Committee to recommend finalists to the Board. There were 16 applicants for the position and Ms. Shea reported the Committee will be recommending 3 finalists to the Board; Mr. Reuben Duncan, Mr. Bob Marquis, and Mr. Dan Moulis. Ms. Shea provided a brief profile of each candidate. Ms. Shea requested the candidates visit the Sage School as part of the itinerary.

The Board discussed an itinerary for the next stage of the process. Mr. Dargie recommended Business Administrator Jen Burk be responsible for coordinating an in-district visitation day and provide feedback on the candidates back to the Board. The Board will interview the finalists on Tuesday, February 10th.

Mr. Dargie would like Jen Burk to do the reference checking. Mr. Willette suggested Ms. Burk contact someone other than those who have written references for the candidates. Mr. Dargie suggested doing in-depth reference checking on the Board's final candidate of choice following the Board's interviews.

Mr. Dargie stated he has been working on ideas for a Superintendent contract.

Resident Paula Durand asked if the Board interviews with candidates would be public or non-public. The consensus of the Board was that they would prefer non-public.

c. Review of progress Towards District Goals:

Superintendent Suprenant described progress made towards District goals B through E as per the proposed goals in June of 2014. Director of Curriculum and Instruction Dr. Fazioli described the state's involvement with Smarter Balance and the state law requiring standardized assessment. She then summarized details of the testing time and windows for each grade level. She highlighted student and teacher preparation for the test, including practice tests and pilots. She then demonstrated third grade math questions for the Board.

Superintendent Suprenant described the issues associated with the technology required for Smarter Balance testing and explained that the District will be replacing Thin Client computer laboratories with Chrome Books to support the Smarter Balanced assessments.

Old Business:

a. 2015-2016 Budget:

Budget Committee member Tricia Shea distributed to the Board documentation describing how the Budget Committee arrived at a figure of \$37,729,570. She described the process of development of the budget. Ms. Shea entertained questions from the Board as to the Budget Committee's process.

Mr. Bragdon stated that it would be helpful to see the comparison of the School Board's budget by object code in relation to the Budget Committee's object code costs for comparative purposes.

Housekeeping Items:

a. Nominations:

Peter Bragdon moved to approve the following nomination:

Kimberly Daniels, MHS Comprehensive Business Teacher.
Mr. Drew seconded. All in favor 5-0.

b. Approval of Minutes 1/20/15:

Mr. Bragdon moved to approve the minutes of 1/20/15 as amended. Mr. Drew seconded. All in favor 5-0.

c. Approval of Budget Hearing Minutes:

Mr. Bragdon moved to approve the Budget Hearing Minutes. Mr. Drew seconded. All in favor 5-0.

d. Approval of Manifests:

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

Public Comment:

There were no public comments.

Non-Public Session:

Mr. Bragdon moved to enter non-public session at 9:02 PM. Mr. Drew seconded. All in favor 5-0.

The Board reviewed a request for post-retirement benefits and took no action.

Mr. Bragdon moved to exit non-public at 9:15 PM. Mr. Drew seconded. All in favor 5-0.

Adjournment:

Mr. Bragdon moved to adjourn at 9:16 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.