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MILFORD SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
Tuesday, January 20, 2015

Call to Order:

Chairman Paul Dargie called the School Board meeting to order at 8:14 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, Director of Curriculum Patricia Fazioli, and Director of Technology Jerry Stajduhar.

Board Member Comments:

Chairman Dargie informed the public that January 21, 2015 is the first day to sign up for the vacant School Board position.

Public Comments:

Budget Committee Chairman, Ron Carvell, questioned when the Board would be voting on the warrant articles. Chairman Dargie informed him the Board would vote later that evening.

Reports and Presentations:

a. Superintendent's Report:

1. The Superintendent congratulated the We the People Team for once again winning the state competition. Efforts are now underway to raise funds to attend the national competition. The Superintendent congratulated Dave Alcox and the students on their achievement.

2. The Superintendent congratulated Tracie Ibarra, the Girls' Field Hockey Coach, and Chuck Roberson, the Girls' Volleyball Coach, for winning the Nashua Telegraph's Area Coaches of the Year Award.

3. Thirteen Middle School students have won Scholastic Art Awards this year, by far the most of any area school.

4. Middle School student Elizabeth Noble has won the school's annual Spelling Bee for the second time in three years. Unfortunately Elizabeth will not be available to represent the school in the regional competition so her place will be taken by second place finisher Sarah Army.

5. The Superintendent informed the Board that a variety of activities took place at all levels during the Teacher Workshop Day. The high school teachers prepared for NEASC, while the Elementary and Middle Schools participated in reading workshops and training for the Student Learning Objectives initiative. This week is also finals week at the high school, signaling the end of first semester.

New Business:

a. Approval of Warrant Articles:

Article I:

Mr. Dargie requested a vote to support the Operating Budget. All in favor 4-1. (Mr. Mannino opposed).

Article II:

Mr. Dargie requested a vote to support Article II, the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Milford School Board and the Milford Teachers' Association. All in favor 5-0.

Old Business:

a. AESOP Substitute Calling System:

Superintendent Suprenant and Business Administrator Burk responded to concerns raised at a previous Board meeting about the AESOP substitute software system. They explained the process involved in acquiring substitute teachers and the advantages and disadvantages of the system.

Housekeeping Items:

a. Approval of Minutes 1/5/15:

Mr. Bragdon moved to approve the minutes of 1/5/15. Mr. Willette seconded. All in favor 5-0.

b. Approval of Manifests:

Mr. Willette moved to approve the listed manifests and Treasurer's Reports of August 2014, and September 2014. Mr. Dargie seconded. All in favor 5-0.

Public Comment:

There were no public comments.

Non-Public Session:

There was no non-public session.

Adjournment:

Mr. Bragdon moved to adjourn at 8:45 PM. Mr. Willette 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.