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**MILFORD SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES**  
**Tuesday, February 16, 2015**

Mr. Bragdon moved to enter into non-public session at 6:00PM under 91-A: 3II for personnel reasons. Mr. Willette seconded. All in favor 5-0.

The Board continued its review of candidates for the position of Superintendent of Schools. Mr. Bragdon moved to exit non-public at 6:55 PM. Mr. Willette seconded. All in favor 5-0.

**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.

**Board Member Comments:**

There were no Board member comments.

**Public Comments:**

**Open Forum on Snow Days and The 2015-2016 Calendar:**

Chairman Dargie summarized the history of snow days for the past 10 years as per the document in the Board packet. Resident Theresa Wood presented a petition signed by over 100 students, parents, and employees to add 10 minutes to the start of the school day and 10 minutes to the end of the day effective March 2, 2015.

Superintendent Suprenant reviewed a document that described the minimum amount of instructional hours required, information relative to reduced calendars and blizzard bag days, and three options for the School Board to consider in order to end the school year on Friday, June 19.

Resident Tricia Shea thanked Superintendent Suprenant and Resident Theresa Wood for their efforts in addressing the subject. Resident Marsha Brew stated that if the Board has the ability to waive days, it should.

Eighth grade student Meghan Wood encouraged the Board to add time to the school day in order to improve learning. Resident Rick Wood encouraged the Board to think about long term possibilities and asked the Board to think about what citizens are asking for future calendar development. He also encouraged consideration of costs in reducing days and in matching calendars with Amherst. Mr. Wood stated that he found the posting on the School Board's Facebook page dismissive and of concern.

**Reports and Presentations:**

a. Superintendent's Report:

1. The Superintendent informed the Board that three individuals associated with the Milford Schools received major awards at last Thursday's Souhegan Valley Boys and Girls Club Awards Night. High School senior Megan Hammes received the Boys and Girls Club Youth of the Year Award. Heron Pond Special Education Teacher Helene Bureau received the Community Member of the Year Award, and Heron Pond paraprofessional Monica Gallant was awarded the Volunteer of the Year Award.

2. This week is Read Across America week and the schools have a number of activities commemorating the week including a number of guest readers at the elementary schools.

3. February is Love the Bus Month! The Superintendent thanked all of the school bus drivers for the tremendous job they do in providing safe transportation for the students to and from school – especially given the conditions they have had to drive in this school year.

4. The Superintendent commended the Buildings and Grounds staff for the long hours they've put in ensuring the parking lots, driveways, and sidewalks are safe and clear.

5. The Superintendent distributed a 1 page report on the technology required for the Smarter Balanced Assessment.

b. Student Learning Objectives Presentation:

Superintendent Suprenant summarized the reasons for the New Hampshire Department of Education's requirement that student performance be included in Principal and Teacher evaluation systems in schools that receive Title I funding. Middle School Principal Tony Demarco described the Student Learning Objective pilots being tested this school year. High School Social Studies teacher Judy Zaino presented the American Studies I Student Learning Objective. Ms. Zaino stated the course has become more collaborative and has improved formative assessment by learning how to assess without asking the same questions over and over again. Jessica Bouchard, Middle School Art teacher, explained her incorporation of measuring student learning of the elements as a way to assess student achievement. Meg Peterson, Title I Coordinator, described the goal setting process and the incorporation of student achievement into the evaluation process. She presented a draft template of the new evaluation rubric. The presenter entertained questions from the School Board.

New Business:

There was no New Business.

Old Business:

a. Superintendent Search:

Chairman Dargie informed those present that the Board has interviewed three candidates and no decision has been made at this time.

Housekeeping Items:

a. Approval of Minutes 2/3/15:

Mr. Bragdon moved to approve the minutes of 2/3/15. Mr. Willette seconded. All in favor 5-0.

b. Approval of Minutes 2/5/15:

Mr. Bragdon moved to approve the minutes of 2/5/15. Mr. Willette seconded. All in favor 5-0.

c. Approval of Manifests:

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

Public Comment:

Resident Tricia Shea stated she is hoping the Board arrives at a decision about one of the Superintendent candidates and that no other options are being considered.

Non-Public Session:

Mr. Bragdon moved to enter non-public session at 8:45 PM. Mr. Willette seconded. All in favor 5-0.

The Board reviewed sealed minutes and took no action.

The Board reviewed a teacher sick bank request.

The Board discussed the Superintendent Search.

Mr. Bragdon moved to exit non-public at 8:45 PM. Mr. Drew seconded. All in favor 5-0.

Mr. Bragdon moved and Mr. Drew seconded a motion to seal the minutes of the non-public session for the section regarding the Superintendent Search. All in favor 5-0.

Mr. Bragdon moved to approve a teacher sick bank request. Mr. Drew seconded. All in favor 5-0.

Adjournment:

Mr. Bragdon moved to adjourn at 9:30PM. Mr. Drew seconded. All in favor 5-0.

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Chairman of the School Board

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Date of signing

The Mission of the Milford School District is to provide a quality education that challenges all students to succeed.