

MILFORD SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
February 1, 2016 –7:00 PM
Milford High School – Lecture Hall Room # 182

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5 1. Call to Order

6 Chairman Paul Dargie called the school board meeting to order at 7:00 pm at Milford High
7 School Lecture Hall Room #182. Board Members present included Mr. Kevin Drew, Mr. Len
8 Mannino, Mr. Robert Willette and Mr. Ron Carvell. Also present were Superintendent Robert
9 Marquis, Business Administrator Jennifer Burk and Recorder Marie Walker.

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11 2. Board Member Comments

12 No board member comments

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14 3. Public Comments

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17 4. Reports and Presentations

18 a. Superintendent's Report

19 Heron Pond students participated in the Rainbow Body display at Pinkerton Academy.
20 Superintendent Marquis read the names of the students whose art work was displayed during
21 the NH Philharmonic.

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23 Spelling Bee winners at Heron Pond were also recognized. The first place winner will now go on
24 to participate in the February 27th State Spelling Bee at Concord High School.

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26 On January 22, the Milford Elementary PTO held the Great Heron Pond Campout which was a
27 huge success. A free book was given to all the students to bring home. Superintendent Marquis
28 thanked teachers, participants and the Wadleigh Memorial Librarians.

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30 At the Jacques Memorial School, students raised \$200 that was donated to the National
31 Humane Society.

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33 Superintendent Marquis read the names of the NHIAA Scholar Athletes from Milford High
34 School that were recognized earlier in the day at the Capitol Center in Concord.

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36 Also at Milford High School, staff and community members who participated in the "High and
37 Seek" presentation were thanked for their interest in the area of substance use, abuse and
38 response.

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40 b. Precision Machinery and Engineering Presentation

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42 Teacher Frank Xydias made a presentation regarding the Engineering and Precision Machinery
43 Programs at the ATC (Advanced Technology Center) at MHS (Milford High School). Several
44 students spoke to the board and explained the benefits of the program and the experiences that
45 they have enjoyed as participants in these areas of study. They emphasized that the precision

46 machinery classes are linked to other classes in the ATC. The MHS/ATC students presented the
47 school board members with name plates which they made in the shop.

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49 Teacher Paul Bois explained the Precision Machining program and reviewed some of the
50 benefits that it provides to the students, the school district, and the town. He explained that the
51 program saves the district money as they routinely perform repairs for items such as broken
52 chairs and tables. He discussed the roof snow brake brackets that were manufactured for the
53 Heron Pond School at a large cost savings. He also commented on the workplace internships for
54 students that have resulted in permanent employment.

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56 5. New Business

57 a. We The People Request For National Competition Funding

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59 Teacher David Alcox and his students made a presentation regarding the WTP (We The People)
60 program. The students spoke to the impact that WTP had upon them as they learned about
61 citizenship and becoming lifelong productive informed members of society.

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63 Mr. Alcox requested funds to partially cover the travel and competition costs required to attend
64 the WTP National Competition in Washington, DC, in April 2016.

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66 Mr. Willette moved to provide the WTP team with \$2585 towards trip expenses. Mr. Drew
67 seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

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69 b. Review of Progress on District Goals

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71 Superintendent Robert Marquis reviewed the memorandum that was provided in the packet.
72 The four areas explained were curriculum and instruction activities relating to engaging students
73 by the use SLOs (Student Learning Objectives); curriculum and Instruction relating to providing
74 students with the necessary technology and tools to succeed beyond high school; use of
75 resources relating to maintaining and modernizing technology; and use of resources in relation
76 to collective bargaining agreements.

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78 c. Flexible Spending Account Bid

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80 Business Administrator Jennifer Burk spoke to the bids received to manage the Flexible Benefit
81 Account. Included in the program is the use of a card to purchase approved medical related
82 purchases, which will make this program more appealing. Ms. Burk recommended using Benefit
83 Strategies for the provider of the Flexible Benefit Account beginning July 1, 2016. It will be
84 offered to all full time employees.

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86 Ms. Suzanne Schedin stated that the Teachers were in favor of the availability of the use of a
87 benefits card.

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89 Mr. Dargie moved to approve using Benefit Strategies as the provider for the Flexible Benefit
90 Account, and Mr. Drew seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

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92 6. Old Business

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94 a. CIP List for Bond Warrant Article

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Mr. Dargie spoke to the Capital Improvements List for the Bond Warrant Article that was included in the Board packet. The bond warrant article is a request for \$3 million to perform general district repairs and upgrades. The list of potential projects totals almost \$4 million, with \$3 million on the top section that is currently the highest priority and almost \$1 million of projects in the bottom section that are currently a lower priority. Any project on the list could be completed if the warrant article is approved, but not more than \$3 million of total spending would be authorized.

Board Member Comments:

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Mr. Mannino asked about the asbestos removal requirement to which the Superintendent noted that it was included as part of the pipe replacement line item listed under MHS (Milford High School).

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Mr. Drew discussed the facility equipment in the district that is at the end of its useful life.

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Public Comments:

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Mr. Rick Wood discussed reprioritizing the items on the list. He asked the board to look at the list and to base priorities on improving infrastructure, not on comfort. He is not in favor of air conditioning, or replacing doors and windows at the Bales School.

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Mr. Cooper explained the upgrading of the air handlers units in each building. He discussed the interior rooms at the high school that become very hot because of a lack of ventilation and solar heat through the windows. Mr. Cooper also provided an overview of the future building needs and the projects that were completed in the past and should be completed in the future.

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Board Member Comments:

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Mr. Carvell noted that he would look to Mr. Cooper to prioritize projects of the district's infrastructure due to his expertise in the area. He would look to Mr. Cooper as building grounds director to come up with the district needs to keep the schools running.

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Public Comments

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Mr. Wood suggested removal of air conditioning at the high school before the deliberative session. He also suggested that the Board look at the long range goal of the Bales Building before investing a substantial amount in improving the building.

131 7. Housekeeping Items

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a. Mr. Drew moved and Mr. Carvell seconded that the minutes of the January 19th 2016 school board meeting, the budget hearing, and the bond hearing be approved as presented. Motion passed 5-0.

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b. Approval of Manifests: 18,1090,1091,1092,1093,1094,1095,1096,1097. Mr. Willette moved and Mr. Dargie seconded that the manifests as listed in the agenda be approved. Motion passed 5-0.

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c. List of Email Correspondence (information only)

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d. List of Employees Leaving Service (information only)

e. List of Co-curricular Appointments (information only)

Mr. Carvell questioned employees receiving stipends for multiple sports or activities. Mr. Dargie stated that there is no policy relating to employees receiving more than one stipend, and that there is no cap on the number of stipends received.

f. List of Classified Appointments (information only)

8. Public Comments

Ms. Jennifer Siegrist, Budget Committee member, questioned whether the wording of Warrant Article #3, the budget committee charge, would fit into school board policy. Mr. Dargie stated this was not part of the school board policy and that the school board policies do not apply to the budget committee.

Mr. Wood submitted a proposed revision of the Budget Committee charge. The wording of Warrant Article 3 was modified with additional language. Mr. Mannino asked to have counsel review the language before the deliberative session. He asked that Ms. Burk send a copy of the wording to counsel. At Mr. Dargie's request, Mr. Wood explained how he would envision the process would work with the new wording.

9. No Nonpublic Session

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm. Mr. Willette moved and Mr. Drew seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Motion passed 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

School Board Chairman

Date of Signing