

1 MILFORD SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

2 Thursday, July 14, 2016 -3:00 PM

3 MILFORD HIGH SCHOOL – LECTURE HALL ROOM #182

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5 1. Call to Order

6 Chairman Paul Dargie called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm in Room 182 at Milford
7 High School. Board Members in attendance were Mr. Kevin Drew, Mr. Robert Willette,
8 Mr. Len Mannino, and Mr. Ron Carvell. Also in attendance were Superintendent Robert
9 Marquis and Business Administrator Jen Burk. Mr. Dargie stated that the purpose for
10 holding the special school board meeting was to insure that team coaches would know
11 their stipends before the start of the new season, which would happen before the next
12 regularly scheduled meeting in some cases.

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14 2. Board Member Comments – none

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16 3. Public Comments – none

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18 4. New Business

19 a. Co-Curricular Stipends

20 Superintendent Marquis spoke to the three exhibits included in the Board packet. He
21 explained that the parameters were developed by the Athletic Directors and
22 Principals from both the Middle and High Schools in addition to himself and Jen
23 Burk. He also noted that the group was provided assistance by Chairman Dargie and
24 Committee Member Ron Carvell. He spoke to the parameters that were used as
25 criteria to decide upon a stipend amount for each activity and how this was reflected
26 in the spreadsheet.

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28 Chairman Dargie noted that he was in support of the documents and that they were
29 in line with his thoughts and expectations.

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31 Mr. Mannino asked a question about Unified Basketball and why it was not funded.
32 Chairman Dargie noted that it should be run through the parameters and have a
33 stipend attached to it. Superintendent Marquis indicated that he would speak with
34 the High School regarding this.

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36 Mr. Drew asked for clarification as to who used the parameter document to decide
37 upon stipends. Superintendent Marquis responded that it was done by the Athletic
38 Directors and Principals from both the High School and Middle School; noting that
39 they had the ability to make the most informed decision.

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41 Mr. Willette questioned the level of points and stipend received by a head coach
42 considering the addition of the assistant coaches – using both the points for full
43 counts of participants as well as the points for assistants, based on the role of the
44 assistants in managing the team. Superintendent Marquis noted that a head coach's
45 position becomes more complex with assistant coaches because not only is the head

46 coach responsible for the students but also needs to direct and supervise the
47 assistant coaches. Chairman Dargie agreed with this position.

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49 Mr. Carvell asked to have an additional column included in the spreadsheet that
50 noted when new and non-funded stipend activities were started.

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52 Mr. Mannino asked if COLAs would be included in the calculations in the future.
53 Chairman Dargie indicated that this is the Board's choice.

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55 Superintendent Marquis noted that parental or public requests for new sports would
56 be presented to the Superintendent from the Principal and the Athletic Director. The
57 Superintendent would then present it to the Board for consideration with his/her
58 recommendation during the regular budget process. It would be the Principal's and
59 Athletic Director's responsibility to review the parent request and to include their
60 recommendation, in addition to all funding needed to support the new sport or
61 activity, including stipends, transportation, dues & fees, athletic officials, etc. The
62 Superintendent is anticipating a request to come forward this fall for possibly both JV
63 Lacrosse and Hockey for the High School.

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65 Mr. Mannino asked whether the Board's policy on co-curricular activities needed to
66 be changed to reflect this new process and funding. Superintendent Marquis said the
67 Policy Committee did need to review the policy. Mr. Dargie requested that it be on
68 the Policy Committee's agenda for the fall of 2016.

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70 Community member Tricia Shea asked about the accuracy of comments included in
71 the Destination Imagination stipend, considering the District-Wide nature of the
72 program. Superintendent Marquis said that he was made aware that the comment
73 only reflected Middle School students and that it will be updated to reflect all levels.

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75 Additional sports and activities were discussed.

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77 Mr. Dargie summarized the changes and comments regarding the stipends:
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79 • Bass Fishing would be rated and given a stipend
80 • Unified Basketball would be rated and given a stipend, either through the
81 stipends budget or through alternate funding if available
82 • Destination Imagination would be re-rated with the inclusion of the elementary
83 teams that were missing in the initial rating, and the proposed stipend would be
84 increased to match the new rating
85 • The "B" level Middle school teams Basketball Div 6 Girls, Basketball Div 6 Boys,
86 and Volleyball D3 will not receive district-funded stipends. Stipends originating
87 from fundraising or other sources are allowed.
88 • The spreadsheet will be updated to include the above changes and a column will
89 be added to identify the start date for activities that are not funded.

90 Mr. Carvell made the motion to accept the proposed documents with requested
91 changes to the documents. Motion was seconded by Mr. Mannino.

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93 Mr. Willette questioned whether the Board could vote at this time because it was the
94 first time it was brought forward; and that it was against policy to do so. Mr. Dargie

95 disagreed with this position noting that the Board oftentimes votes after hearing
96 about something for the first time. Mr. Dargie ruled to allow the vote to happen.

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98 Vote: 4-0-1 with Mr. Willette abstaining. Motion passed.
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100 5. Public Comments
101 None

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103 6. Adjournment
104 Mr. Carvell moved and Mr. Willette seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion
105 passed 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm.

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School Board Chair

Date of Signing