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MILFORD SCHOOL BOARD
MINUTES OF JANUARY 17, 2017 MEETING
MILFORD HIGH SCHOOL, LECTURE HALL #182

1. Call to Order

Chairman Paul Dargie called the meeting to order at 9:04 PM in Lecture Hall #182 at Milford High School. Board members present were Mr. Ron Carvell, Mr. Len Mannino, Mr. Bob Willette and Board Vice-Chair Mr. Kevin Drew. Also in attendance were Superintendent Robert Marquis and Business Administrator Jen Burk. The recording secretary was Dana Laviano.

2. Board Member Comments

Mr. Dargie announced that there will two openings on the School Board in the coming election. The filing period for people interested in these positions opens Wednesday January 25, 2017 and closes on February 3, 2017 at 5:00 PM. Interested people should contact School District Clerk Gina Matthews. Mr. Drew will be a candidate for re-election, while Mr. Dargie will not be running for re-election.

Mr. Dargie announced that the Deliberative Session is Thursday February 9, 2017 at 7:00 PM in the Milford High School cafeteria, and Voting Day is March 14, 2017 from 6:00 AM – 8:00 PM at the Milford Middle School.

3. Public Comments (for items not on the agenda)

There were no public comments.

4. Reports and Presentations

a. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Marquis reported that today was a professional development day for teachers in the District. He said he was impressed by their energy, sharing and collaboration with one another. Teachers worked on Student Learning Objectives; they reviewed data from the Smarter Balanced assessment, and worked on curriculum and coordination of lessons within grade levels and departments as well as technology - specifically Google Classroom, Google Environment and Chromebooks. Mr. Marquis expressed his thanks to the teachers for their dedication, professionalism and willingness to work together.

On Thursday, February 2, 2017, from 6:30 PM - 8:30PM, a screening of "Screenagers" will be held in the Milford High School cafeteria. This documentary explores the effects of screen time on developing minds. Parents will be getting an invitation to attend and a Q & A session will follow the screening.

On January 24, 2017 students from the High School will go to Heron Pond and work with 4th and 5th graders on STEM activities. This will be followed on February 1 by a visit from UNH "STEM-bassadors" to Heron Pond. They will be doing activities with the 4th and 5th

49 grade students and will also have an evening event for those grades. This is an exciting
50 opportunity to introduce STEM activities to students and pique their interest in these
51 fields. Mr. Marquis thanked Mike Tenters, Frank Xydias, Tammy Andrew, Don Jalbert,
52 Meg Peterson, Beth Gibney, and Chantal Alcox for their work organizing this event.
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54 Mr. Marquis reminded everyone what the “DRIVE” stands for at Project Drive: Delivering
55 Rigorous Individualized Valuable Instruction. Students from Project Drive took a field trip
56 to Boston last Thursday as part of their exploration into careers in science-related fields.
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58 Mr. Marquis congratulated the defensive efforts of Jacob Wilson and David Curfman who
59 blocked a dozen shots and to Josh Beer and Joey Mikula who led the offensive efforts in
60 the Unified Basketball Team’s game with Fall Mountain. It was a close game won by Fall
61 Mountain.
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63 Mr. Marquis also congratulated Middle School students by name that were selected to
64 be on the MathCounts Team. MathCounts is a national math club program. The regional
65 competition will be held at Keene State College in mid-February. Winning teams from
66 that competition will move on to the state meet at Plymouth State University in mid-
67 March.
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69 There were no public questions or comments on the Superintendent’s Report.
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71 5. New Business

72 There was no new business.
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75 6. Old Business

76 6a. Review/Approval of Warrant Articles

77 Mr. Dargie said that the Board would re-vote on each warrant article item.
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79 A motion to support each item was made by Mr. Drew and seconded by Mr. Carvell. The
80 Board voted as follows:

81 Warrant Item 1: 5-0 motion to support.

82 Warrant Item 2: 4-1 motion to support with Mr. Willette in opposition.

83 Warrant Item 3: 4-1 motion to support with Mr. Willette in opposition.

84 Warrant Item 4: 5-0 motion to support.

85 Warrant Item 5: 5-0 motion to support.

86 Warrant Item 6: 5-0 motion to support.
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88 6b. Default Budget

89 Mr. Dargie reviewed the draft default budget which was presented in the format of the
90 DRA’s form. There were no public or Board Member comments.

91 6c. Updated Capital Improvement Plan

92 This was already discussed during the Bond Hearing. Mr. Dargie invited Board Member
93 comments or questions.
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95 Mr. Ron Carvell asked for any updates on the Athletic Trust Funds. Ms. Burk said that
96 she is waiting on delivery of the trust documents. Once she receives them, she will pass

97 them along to Mr. Carvell. Mr. Dargie said that any monies received from the Athletic
98 Trusts would be additive to the \$3M, not subtractive or meant to be supplanting. Mr.
99 Carvell agreed. Mr. Mannino asked when the last legal review of the trust funds was
100 done. Ms. Burk said the documents are from about 1995 when the trust was transferred
101 to the control of the Trustees of the Trust Funds.
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103 7. Housekeeping items
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105 7a. Mr. Drew moved and Mr. Carvell seconded a motion to approve the minutes of
106 1/3/2017. Motion passed 5-0.
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108 7b. Mr. Drew moved and Mr. Carvell seconded a motion to approve the minutes of
109 1/9/2017. Motion passed 5-0.
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111 7c. Mr. Willette moved and Mr. Dargie seconded a motion to approve manifests 16, 17,
112 1066, 1074, 1075, 1076, 1077, 1078, 1079, 1080. Motion passed 5-0.
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114 8. There were no public comments
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116 9. There was no need to enter into a nonpublic session.
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118 10. Mr. Drew moved and Mr. Carvell second a motion to adjourn. Motion passed 5-0. The
119 meeting of the School Board was adjourned at 9:20 PM.
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School Board Chair

Date of Approval

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