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MILFORD SCHOOL BOARD

MINUTES

Monday, April 4, 2011

1. Call to Order:

Mr. Dargie called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. in MHS room # 182. Board members present included Mr. Dargie, Mr. Bragdon, Mr. Mannino, Mr. Drew, and Mr. Willette. School Administrators in attendance were Superintendent Suprenant, Assistant Superintendent Johnson, and Business Administrator Chambers.

2. Board Member Comments:

There were no Board member comments.

3. Public Comments:

Mr. Keith Waters expressed his concerns regarding the current policy on head lice which allows students with head lice to attend school. He suggested a move to a no nits policy. Mr. Dargie stated the issue will go to the policy committee for review.

4. Reports and Presentations:

a. Superintendent's Report:

Two of Milford's Destination Imagination teams finished first place in the State competitions and will be going on to the Global competitions.

Mr. Dan Murray has been selected as Division II Basketball Coach of the Year. Mike O'Laughlin and Jamie Holder have been selected to first team Division II Basketball team while Mike Mitchell was selected to the second team. Four Milford High School winter sports teams won sportsmanship awards as selected by NH referees.

Graduation has been scheduled for Saturday, June 18, 2011.

Last day of school is now June 24, 2011.

The boiler in Jacques Memorial Elementary School broke down last week and there was no heat in the Kindergarten rooms. The District will need to invest in a new boiler for that building.

b. Quarterly Reports:

Granite Town Media: Mr. Mannino reported that a meeting is scheduled for this Thursday at which the Comcast contract will be discussed.

Wellness: Superintendent Suprenant reported that the next meeting is April 20, 2011.

ATC: Mr. Drew reported that he has not yet met with the committee.

Technology: Mr. Dargie reported that the committee has been working on a new Technology Plan for the District.

Professional Development: Mr. Dargie reported the committee reviewed all of the professional development opportunities presented on workshop days and delayed openings.

5. New Business

a. Acceptance of ESOL Plan:

Mr. Denis Jobin, ESOL Coordinator for the District, gave an overview of the ESOL Program in the District and answered questions from Board members. Changes in procedures required by the State of New Hampshire prompted the need for a new ESOL Plan. The last plan was adopted in 2006.

Mr. Bragdon moved, and Mr. Willette seconded to approve the ESOL Plan. Motion carried 5-0.

b. Insurance Renewal:

Business Administrator Chambers recommended a 3 year agreement with Primex for Property/Liability and Workman's Compensation insurance renewal, with a maximum increase not to exceed 7%. The multi-year agreement will save the District \$6,962 in the first year.

Mr. Bragdon moved, and Mr. Willette seconded to enter into a 3 year agreement for insurance as presented. The motion passed 5-0.

c. Staff Recognition Day:

Superintendent Suprenant told the Board that in the past the Board had recognized Staff Recognition Day with cookies for all the staff from the culinary program at the High School. Mr. Bragdon moved, and Mr. Drew seconded to continue the program this year. The motion carried 5-0.

d. School Board Goals:

Goal # 1: Contract Negotiations. Mr. Bragdon suggested using the same language to write the MESSA agreement goal as we have in the past with other collective bargaining goals.

Goal # 2: Capital Improvement Projects. Mr. Dargie suggested the Board start with the previous list and revise to keep the list current. Mr. Dargie also stated that without Building Aid a bond was unlikely.

Goal # 3: Information Technology Improvements. Mr. Dargie stated that the District's technology is falling behind and he suggested taking a look at it and deciding what can be done to move forward. Mr. Dargie suggested adding information on staffing and equipment to the goal statement.

Mr. Bragdon moved, and Mr. Willette seconded, to approve the goals as corrected. The motion carried 5-0.

e. Appointment to the Capital Improvements Plan Citizen's Advisory Committee:

Mr. Dargie appointed Mr. Drew without objection.

6. Old Business

a. 2011-2012 Budget:

Superintendent Suprenant referenced the exhibit in the Board packet relating to the 2011-2012 budget and presented different scenarios of what could happen in the District depending on legislative actions and its effects on the District's budget.

After discussion Mr. Bragdon moved and Mr. Mannino seconded to allow the Superintendent to fund positions 11 through 14. The motion carried 4-1 with Mr. Willette in opposition.

Ms. Schedin spoke in opposition to staff reductions and asked the Board to restore positions using the Ed Jobs funds.

Ms. Mossey spoke regarding her concerns that the staff reductions will impact students.

Ms. Magri Halstead stated the Town voted for the default budget which is 1% more than last year's budget, which indicates the citizens cannot afford an increase in taxes.

Ms. Walker expressed concerns about the effect of teacher and staff reductions.

b. Policy Proposals:

Policy 2305 Buildings and Grounds Management: Mr. Bragdon moved and Mr. Willette seconded to approve policy 2305. Motion carried 5-0.

Policy 2315 Student Transportation Management: Mr. Bragdon moved and Mr. Willette seconded to approve policy 2315. Motion carried 4-1 with Mr. Mannino in opposition.

Policy 5013 Use of Physical Restraint: Mr. Willette stated that there may be new restraint legislation but did not think it would affect this policy. Mr. Bragdon moved and Mr. Willette seconded to approve policy 5013. Motion carried 5-0.

7. Housekeeping Items:

a. Approval of Minutes 3/21/11:

Mr. Bragdon moved and Mr. Mannino seconded to approve the minutes. Motion carried 5-0.

b. Approval of Treasurer's Report January 2011:

Mr. Dargie moved and Mr. Willette seconded to approve the January 2011 Treasurer's Report. Motion carried 5-0.

c. Approval of Manifests:

Mr. Dargie moved, and Mr. Willette seconded to approve the manifests listed on the agenda. Motion carried 5-0.

8. Public Comment.

There were no comments from the public.

9. Non Public Session.

There was no non-public public session.

10. Adjournment.

Mr. Bragdon moved and Mr. Willette seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:13PM. Motion carried 5-0.

Chairman of the School Board

Date of Signing