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**MILFORD SCHOOL BOARD
MINUTES
Monday, January 3, 2011**

1. Call to Order

Chairman Bragdon called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM in MHS room 182. In attendance were board members Bragdon, Dargie, Halstead, Mannino and Willette. District officials included Superintendent Suprenant, Assistant Superintendent Johnson and Business Administrator Chambers.

2. Board Member Comments

No comments by board members

3. Public Comments

No comments from members of the public

4. Reports and Presentations

a. Superintendent's Report

High school librarian Kim Palmer has received a Great Stories Club grant from the American Library Association to be used for a book club at the SAGE School.

The district will be hosting a second workshop for parents on helping children with bullying issues next Monday at 6:30 in room 182.

The Mascenic Regional High School has expressed a desire to withdraw from their Career and Technical Education Agreement with the ConVal School District and enter into an agreement with Milford. Mr. Suprenant has advised Mascenic officials that approval from the Department of Education and Milford's own Advisory Committee would be needed before the Milford School Board would take up the request.

Brad Seabury will be unable to take minutes of the meetings for the foreseeable future.

b. Quarterly Reports:

Granite Town Media Advisory Committee (Mr. Mannino): A grant has been awarded for electronic presentation equipment. The committee will be discussing the broadcast of school district budget committee meetings on January 6 at the library.

Wellness Committee (Mr. Dargie): No recent meetings.

Applied Technology Committee (Ms. Halstead): No recent meetings.

Technology Committee (Mr. Dargie): Had an all-day meeting on 12/15. Currently working on revisions to the district's technology plan.

Professional Development Committee: No recent meetings

5. New Business

No new business

6. Old Business

a. 2011-2012 Budget

Mr. Bragdon moved that the Board accept the superintendent's 12/20 Revised Recommendations to the budget; seconded by Mr. Mannino. Mr. Bragdon then clarified that his motion was with respect to the dollar amounts and that some of the footnotes listing specific co-curricular cuts were not included, his intent being that the co-curricular account should be reduced by that dollar amount, but with no specific programs listed. The 12/20 Revised Recommendations total was \$ 1,001,255.

Mr. Dargie moved that \$500,000 be added back to that amount. There was no second.

Mr. Dargie moved that \$248,675 be added back to that amount, noting that amount equaled the federal grant discussed at the last meeting. Mr. Mannino seconded the motion. Following discussion the motion failed on a 1-4 vote, with Mr. Dargie voting in favor.

Mr. Bragdon moved that the co-curricular salary account be reduced by \$21,000, with the amount used to restore item #28, the elementary IT position. Mr. Willette seconded the motion. Following discussion the motion passed on a 4-1 vote, with Mr. Dargie in opposition.

The following citizens addressed the board regarding the budget proposal:

Richard Wood, 25 Falconer Drive, spoke in favor of the board's general intent, but expressed concern about items #12 (non-affiliated raises) and #25 (MS Sped program associate).

Jeff Frankiewich, 31 Clinton Street, expressed concern about the perceived reduction in current services.

Bob Moody, 44 Highland Drive, asked about the use of the federal grant

Todd Boudreau, 9 Windsor Drive, expressed concern about item #22 (HP Instructional Associates)

Brenda Walker, 640 Route 13 S, expressed support for the overall co-curricular programs.

Richard Wood, 25 Falconer Drive, spoke about the perceived 50% increase in the budget since his last stint on the budget committee in 01/02.

Dan Catherine, Union Street, his daughter Taylor and Makenzie Langelier expressed concern about item #27 (MS gifted and talented program).

Dave Alcox, Wellesley Drive, expressed his concern about the proposed reductions and urged support for use of the federal grant.

Robert Nicholson, 474 Mason Road, expressed his concern about items #26 (HP Music Teacher) and #27 (MS gifted and talented program).

Tricia Shea, 235 Stable Road, urged use of the federal grant.

Carla Boudreau, 9 Windsor Drive, expressed concern about the proposed reduction and the perceived reduction in service.

Laurie Curless, Savage Road, expressed concern about items #22 (HP Instructional Assistants), #26 (HP Music Teacher) and #27 (MS gifted and talented program).

Mr. Dargie moved that \$61,500 be added back to the proposal, noting that was the difference between the federal grant and the potential loss of anticipated retirement contributions from the state. Ms. Halstead seconded the motion. Following discussion, the motion failed on a vote of 1-4, with Mr. Dargie voting in favor.

There being no other amendments offered, Chairman Bragdon called for a vote on the original motion, as amended. The motion passed on a 4-1 vote, with Mr. Dargie in opposition.

Ms. Chambers passed out updated revenue and tax impact statements, as well as a proposed default budget figure.

Chairman Bragdon then announced the Board would take up the proposed default budget policy changes before resuming with budget work.

b. Default Budget Policy (2nd Reading)

Mr. Bragdon moved that the board approve the second reading of proposed changes to Policy 2327 – Calculation of Default Budget. Mr. Mannino seconded the motion. Following discussion the motion passed on a 4-1 vote, with Mr. Dargie in opposition.

The Board then returned to budget work. Mr. Bragdon moved that proposed warrant article #1 be placed on the warrant, with the amount of \$35,802,385 for the proposed budget and \$35,886,237 for the proposed default budget. Mr. Willette seconded the motion. The motion passed on a 4-1 vote, with Mr. Dargie in opposition.

Chairman Bragdon noted that all other proposed warrant articles would be addressed in non-public session.

7. Housekeeping Items

a. Approval of Minutes 12/06/10, 12/20/10

Mr. Suprenant indicated that due to Mr. Seabury's absence, the minutes from these meetings were still being worked on.

b. Approval of Manifests

Ms. Halstead moved that Vouchers #16, 17, 19, 1112, 1113, 1114, 1115, 1116, 1117, 1118, 1119, 1120, 1121, 1122, 1123, 1124. Seconded by Mr. Dargie. The motion passed on a 5-0 vote.

8. Public Comment

No further public comment

9. Non Public Session RSA 91-A :3II (c), (e)

At 8:45, Mr. Bragdon moved that the board go into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 II (c) and (e). Mr. Dargie seconded the motion, which passed on a 5-0 vote.

The board discussed a request for an extended leave of absence. Mr. Willette moved that the request be granted; seconded by Ms. Halstead. The motion passed on a 5-0 vote.

The board reviewed a letter from one of the district's bargaining unit and took the matter under advisement.

The board reviewed the tentative agreement between the negotiating teams of the district and the Milford Educational Personnel Association (MEPA). Following discussion, Mr. Dargie moved that the board ratify the tentative agreement. Mr. Bragdon seconded the motion, which passed on a 5-0 vote.

Mr. Dargie moved that the board authorize the superintendent to place proposed warrant article #2 on the warrant and insert the appropriate financial information as a result of the tentative agreement. Mr. Bragdon seconded the motion, which passed on a 5-0 vote.

Chairman Bragdon declared that, without objection, proposed warrant article #3 would be placed on the warrant. There was no objection.

Following discussion of a real estate issue, Mr. Dargie moved that proposed warrant article #4 be placed on the warrant, with a proposed figure of \$110,000. Mr. Bragdon seconded the motion, which passed on a 3-2 vote, with Mr. Mannino and Ms. Halstead in opposition.

At 9:50 PM, Mr. Bragdon moved that the board leave non-public session. Mr. Dargie seconded the motion, which passed on a 5-0 vote.

10. Adjournment

Chairman Bragdon declared the meeting adjourned at 9:50 PM

Minutes recorded by Peter Bragdon

Chairman of the School Board

Date of Signing