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Milford Board of Education

Special Meeting Minutes
January 13, 2016

Board members present:

Claire Casey
Michael DeGrego
Suzanne DiBiase
Jennifer Federico
Susan Glennon, Chair
Dr. Jess Gregory, arrived 7:20 p.m.
Walter Hagedorn
Tom Jagodzinski
Susan Krushinsky
Earl Whiskeyman

Administration present:

Dr. Elizabeth Feser
Jeffrey Burt
Sue Kelleher

I. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Glennon called the special meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. SUPERINTENDENT'S PROPOSED 2015-16 BUDGET DISCUSSION

Dr. Feser told the Board that Mr. Richetelli would not be in attendance because he was ill.

The Board conducted a budget workshop to review the Superintendent's proposed 2016-17 budget. Dr. Feser led the discussion of the 38 questions that were submitted by the Board in advance of the workshop. One question remained unanswered, question #28, and would be taken up upon Mr. Richetelli's return. The questions are on file.

The Board requested the following information be provided at the next workshop, which is January 14th.

Provide a listing of all Pre-K programs on one sheet.

Provide the term for the gas contract.

Does the Board of Education have to purchase gasoline from the vendor, or can it be purchased elsewhere?

Of what quality is the furniture in the Language Lab at West Shore?

Can we use surplus money to offset the retirement account deficit?

Following the discussion, Ms. Glennon moved to Public Comment.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

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Cathy Berni – 96 Centennial Drive – Mrs. Berni applauded Dr. Feser for proposing what she considers a fabulous budget. The best she has seen in years. She supports the college and career pathways. She mentioned acceptance into magnet schools is by lottery and some are turned away. She thinks MPS is on the right path.

Christopher Thomas – 8 Argyle Road – Mr. Thomas said that he was very involved with the reconfiguration/redistricting of the schools. He recalled constantly hearing parents requesting more programs be added. He also commended the administration for submitting an amazing budget. He was astounded by how low the percentage increase is with all of the services and needs being met.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, Ms. Glennon asked for a motion to adjourn.

Ms. DiBiase made a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Federico seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:27 p.m.

Recording Secretary: _____

Mrs. Pam Griffin

Corresponding Secretary: _____

Ms. Suzanne DiBiase