

Milford Board of Education

Business Meeting Minutes

January 14, 2019

Board members present:

Ray Arnold
Claire Casey
Adam De Young
Jennifer Federico
Scott Firmender
Rita Hennessey
Susan Glennon, Chair
Warren Pawlowski
Una Petroske
Craig Zentkovich

Administration present:

Dr. Anna Cutaia
Dr. Amy Fedigan
Carole Swift
Wendy Kopazna
Jim Richetelli

I. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Glennon called the business meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Board of Education Room.

II. STUDENT/STAFF RECOGNITION

Dr. Cutaia recognized History teacher Mr. Chris Aceto on his recent project-based learning unit that included all students at The Academy. The unit is a student-centered method of teaching that involves a dynamic classroom approach in which it is believed that students acquire a deeper knowledge through active exploration of real-world challenges and problems.

Dr. Cutaia and the Board congratulated Mr. Aceto.

III. STUDENT REPORTS

Maggie Cummings and Ryan Demarco presented the student report for Foran. Bella Carroll and Cameron Asmussen presented the report for Jonathan Law.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

V. CHAIR'S REPORT

Ms. Glennon told the Board some revised budget pages had been distributed. The Board workshops will begin on January 16, with the approval expected January 23, January 24 is being held as a snow date. She will be attending the CABA Legislative Breakfast on January 16 at Derby High School.

Ms. Glennon announced Mr. Zentkovich will be moving and, therefore, has submitted his resignation, effective January 25. A replacement will be made at a later date.

Ms. Glennon called for liaison reports.

Permanent School Building Facilities – Mrs. Federico shared with the Board the contractor for West Shore believes the project will be complete by February 15.

Ms. Glennon turned the meeting over to Dr. Cutaia for the Superintendent's Report.

VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent's Proposed 2019-20 Budget

Dr. Cutaia presented her proposed 2019-20 budget. The proposal is for \$95,078,487, which reflects a 1.89% increase from the current budget. She reviewed the Budget Priorities and Assumptions and successes Milford students have had. The budget reflects advocacy for students with system improvements that will include flexible seating, world language being taught at the elementary level, 1:1 Chromebooks, and more. She then addressed the areas where reductions were made, and the rationale. The PowerPoint presentation is on file.

Proposed 2019-2020 Academic Calendar

Dr. Cutaia presented the recommended 2019-20 Academic Calendar for approval. She made no changes from the first reading. She explained concerns administration with the suggestion that the March professional learning day be moved from Thursday, March 5 to either the Wednesday or Friday of that week. She therefore moves her proposed calendar forward unchanged.

Ms. Glennon called for a motion.

Mrs. Federico made a motion that the Milford Board of Education approves the 2019-2020 Academic Calendar as presented. Mr. Firmender second. The motion passed unanimously.

Policies for First Reading

Dr. Cutaia presented the Seclusion and Restraint P5144.1 policy to the Board. The policy has been revised due to changes in the law. It is compliant with the recommended changes. There were no additional changes made by the Board.

Dr. Cutaia presented the Graduation Requirements 6146 policy to the Board. It is in line with the new changes made at the state level.

A Board discussion ensued. Following the discussion, the Board requested that Administration reorganize the policy for the second reading to make it more clear.

Both policies will be presented for a second reading and approval at the February business meeting.

Human Resources Report

Mrs. Kopazna shared the human resources activity for December. She told the Board she has received 17 retirements to date, including those who have retired since the start of this fiscal year. She noted this number is high for this time of year.

Quarterly Budget Report

Mr. Richetelli shared the Quarterly Budget Report for the quarter ending December 31, 2018. He explained the purpose of the report, pointed out areas the business office is watching, explained how the special education excess cost share works and answered Board member questions.

Disbursement Report

Mr. Richetelli shared the Disbursement Report for December 2018. The report contains expenditures over \$1,500.

Ms. Glennon called for a motion on the consent agenda items.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Mrs. Federico made a motion that the Milford Board of Education approves Consent Agenda Items:

Consideration of Minutes:

December 10, 2018 Business Meeting

Mr. Firmender seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

None.

IX. BOARD COMMENT

Mrs. Federico thanked Dr. Cutaia for the excellent presentation of the budget.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Federico made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Firmender seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Recording Secretary: _____
Mrs. Pam Griffin

Corresponding Secretary: _____
Mrs. Jennifer Federico