

Milford Board of Education

Special Meeting Minutes

January 21, 2010

Board members present:

David Amendola
Tracy Casey
Suzanne DiBiase
Diane Kruger-Carroll
Josip Jukic
Jack O'Connell
Greg Oliver
Mark Stapleton
Jay Tranquilli
Robert White

Others present:

Floyd Dugas, Esq.

CALL TO ORDER

The Milford Board of Education held a special meeting of January 21, 2010, in the Board Room at the Parsons Complex located at 70 W. River Street in Milford, CT. Chairman Stapleton called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Stapleton called for a motion to adjourn to executive session.

Mr. White made a motion to adjourn to executive session to discuss matters pertaining to the Superintendent of Schools. He invited Mr. Floyd Dugas into the session. Mr. Amendola seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

RECONVENE

Mr. Amendola made a motion to reconvene in public session at 10:25. Mr. White seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Stapleton told the public that there would not be any action at the meeting. He then read the following statement on behalf of the entire board.

STATEMENT OF THE MILFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Board of Education has reached an agreement in principle to accept the resignation of Dr. Harvey Polansky, effective June 30, 2010. In the interim, Dr. Polansky will not be returning to the Milford Public School system.

For the past several weeks, this community has been rightly outraged and dismayed by the allegations, complaints and the eventual arrest of the Superintendent. The Board of Education has also been deeply troubled by the alleged behavior and finds it completely inconsistent with the high moral and ethical standards that the Board expects from its educational leader.

We also want to make clear that the Board of Education has acted as swiftly and expeditiously as possible within the legal and contractual protections afforded the superintendent and for that matter, all other Milford Public School employees. The Board believes that this decision is the best possible outcome for the school system, the community and all those involved. This separation avoids potentially long, drawn out, ugly, and very costly hearings and legal proceedings.

The separation agreement will include the following provisions:

- Dr. Polansky will not return as Superintendent of the Milford Public School system, effective immediately.

- He will be paid through June 30, 2010, and will receive any accrued contractual vacation days and will retain contractual health benefits through August 31, 2010.
- Dr. Polansky will not be paid for the remaining two years of his contract and all other benefits will cease effective immediately.

While the teachers, principals, administration and the community have patiently awaited a resolution to this matter, today we turn the page and refocus our efforts toward improving and celebrating the Milford Public Schools. End

ADJOURN

Mr. Amendola made a motion to adjourn. Mr. White seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Robert White
Corresponding Secretary

Pam Griffin
Recording Secretary