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## **Milford Board of Education**

### **Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes**

May 23, 2016

#### **Board members present:**

Claire Casey  
Michael DeGrego  
Suzanne DiBiase  
Jennifer Federico  
Susan Glennon, Chair  
Dr. Jess Gregory  
Walter Hagedorn  
Susan Krushinsky  
Tom Jagodzinski  
Earl Whiskeyman

#### **Administration present:**

Dr. Elizabeth Feser  
Jeffrey Burt  
Jim Richetelli  
Sue Kelleher

### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Ms. Glennon called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. in the Board of Education Room. She asked that everyone join in the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. Glennon turned the meeting over to Dr. Feser.

### **II. 2016-17 MILFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION FINAL BUDGET ADOPTION**

Dr. Feser reiterated the Board of Finance \$175,000 reduction to the budget adopted by the Board of Education. The Board of Aldermen approved the Board of Finance recommended budget of \$91,611,950M. She then asked Mr. Richetelli to review the proposed line item reductions with the Board.

Mr. Richetelli explained the three accounts that he recommends be reduced to reflect the \$175,000 reduction. \$40,000 will be removed from account 3305-Security Services, eliminating the additional school resource officer (SRO) due to the city's 50% of funds not supported in its budget. \$50,000 will be reduced from 4104-Energy Conservation. Some projects will be placed on hold but Administration will continue to seek energy efficiencies with the remaining funds. The Board of Finance recommended a reduction of \$85,000 from account 4101, Natural Gas, however administration disagrees. The Natural Gas account was under budgeted in the 2015-2016 fiscal year because of a calculation error. The district will need to catch up in the 2016-2017 budget. Therefore, Administration recommends \$85,000 be reduced from account 5107, Gasoline-Buses due to the substantially lower bid price that was recently awarded for gasoline.

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Ms. Glennon asked for a motion to approve the budget.

Ms. DiBiase made a motion that the Milford Board of Education approves the budget for 2016-2017 in the amount of \$91,611,950 with line item adjustments as recommended by Administration. Mrs. Federico seconded. There was no further discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Feser asked Mr. Burt to share the projected enrollment for 2016-17 as of May 23, 2016.

Mr. Burt recapped the staffing changes that were reflected in the 2016-17 budget adopted by the Board in January. The detail and levels of the reductions will be as follows:

- 5 high school teachers
- 4 elementary teachers
- 2 Ready to Learn teachers will be covered by tuitions
- 1 teacher of the deaf (no longer needed)
- 2.5 secondary special education.

While Administration has not finalized where the positions will be specifically eliminated, many will be offset by attrition.

The Board reviewed the projected enrollment numbers. Administration will continue to monitor the numbers over the summer.

Dr. Feser reiterated the Board guidelines for the elementary class sizes are kindergarten through grade 2 is up to 20, and grade 3 through 5 is up to 24. She then brought attention to the enrollment numbers at the middle and high schools levels, which are beginning to decline.

Ms. Glennon read the Public Comment statement.

### **III. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

### **IV. ADJOURNMENT**

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

Ms. Glennon adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Recording Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_  
Pam Griffin

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Corresponding Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_  
Suzanne DiBiase