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Milford Board of Education

Workshop Minutes
August 28, 2014

Board members present:

John DeRosa
Suzanne DiBiase
Jennifer Federico
Laura Fucci
Susan Glennon, Chair
Anthony Piselli
C. Robert Satti, Jr.
Earl Whiskeyman

Administration present:

Dr. Elizabeth Feser
James Richetelli
Michael Cummings

Others present:

Laura Boutilier, CCSC

Board Members absent:

Michael DeGrego
Dr. Heidi Gold-Dworkin

I. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Glennon called the Special meeting of the Board to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room at the Parsons complex. She then led those present in the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance and turned the meeting over to Mrs. Boutilier.

II. LONG RANGE PLANNING WORKSHOP

Mrs. Boutilier reviewed the goals for the meeting.

Dr. Feser reviewed 23 questions relative to long range planning that were submitted by the Board between April 2014 to August 11, 2014.

Ms. Glennon then asked the Board, in light of the information presented, if there were any options that could be eliminated. She offered her thoughts on the K-8 specialty school. It's not a great location for young children, it would be expensive to retrofit the building and it would increase transportation costs.

While Mr. DeGrego was not present, he submitted a comment through Ms. Glennon. He is not in favor of the K-8 specialty school and he likes the specialty school within a high school.

Mr. Piselli likes K-8 but it is not a good fit now. He likes the specialty school within a high school. He agrees K-8 should be taken off the table for now.

Ms. DiBiase has not formed an opinion at this time.

Mr. DeRosa agrees not to move forward with K-8. He hopes the Board has enough foresight that the long-term plan will mirror the short-term plan. He also likes the specialty school within a high school.

Mrs. Fucci has reservations with the K-8 specialty school concept. Students could be alienated and excluded. She is in agreement with the elimination of K-8.

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Mr. Whiskeyman is in agreement to eliminate the K-8 plan at this time. He does have a concern about closing any school, however.

Mrs. Federico pointed out that in the Long Range Planning survey the desire to have specialty programming was seen mostly in the middle and high school levels. She is also in agreement to eliminate the K-8 plan at this time.

Mr. Satti is new to the Board and does not have a strong opinion at this time.

With this consensus the Board agreed to put aside the K-8 plan at this time.

The Board recessed at 7:30 p.m.

The workshop was called back to order at 7:45 p.m.

The Board discussed items needing clarification from the two remaining plans; short-term alternative PK-5 in seven schools, and the long-term alternative PK-5 in seven schools with a specialty school within the high school.

Mrs. Boutilier then led an exercise during which the Board prioritized the criteria.

Mrs. Boutilier closed the meeting going over the expectations of the next workshop.

Board members were concerned another workshop should be added.

Ms. Glennon will look into dates to hold an additional workshop following the Public Forum's.

III. ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Fucci a motion to adjourn. Mr. DeRosa seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Mrs. Pam Griffin
Recording Secretary

Mrs. Laura Fucci
Corresponding Secretary