

Milford Board of Education

Business Meeting Minutes

September 9, 2019

Board members present:

Ray Arnold
Claire Casey
Adam DeYoung
Jennifer Federico
Scott Firmender
Corinne Fucci
Susan Glennon, Chair
Rita Hennessey (7:08)
Una Petroske

Administration present:

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

Board members absent:

Warren Pawlowski (excused)

I. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Glennon called the business meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. in the Board of Education Room. She noted Mr. Pawlowski's absence for a work commitment. She called for the student reports.

II. STUDENT REPORTS

Ameila Mower and Rohan Manohar presented the report for Jonathan Law. Lucas Burgard presented the student report for Foran.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

Christopher Thomas - 8 Argyle Road – Mr. Thomas is parent of two children in MPS. He told the Board he is very grateful for their support. He supports Milford taking strides to do less testing. Therefore, he would like to see data supporting PSAT being administered to eighth graders. He also expressed three weeks notice is very short notice for parents to plan for daycare arrangements. He will follow up with Dr. Fedigan.

IV. CHAIR'S REPORT

Ms. Glennon shared at the committee of the whole meeting on September 23, the Administration will present the assessment report, the budget priorities and assumptions for a first reading and, some policy first readings.

She called for liaison reports. There were none. She turned the meeting over to Dr. Cutaia for the Superintendent's report.

V. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Instructional Highlight: High Quality Instruction HQI) and Prof. Learning Update

Dr. Cutaia explained DMGroup's Human Capital Framework which focuses primarily on the recruitment, support and the retention of high quality staff. She shared that HQI Live, is a powerful example of embedded professional learning experience that serves to grow the capacity of our educators (teachers and administrators) as they examine the elements of HQI (High Quality Instruction), observe master teachers engage students in a rigorous tasks and then debrief the impact of the teacher's instructional choices. HQI Live promotes adult learning of instructional practice toward improve student learning outcomes. Dr. Cutaia then explained how our district focus on HQI (High Quality Instruction), aligns to the Vision of Learner (scholarship, personal development, citizenship and creativity/innovation). The Vision of the Learner is very much different from prior years. Students today have access to Google, Wikipedia and other resources which provide them Instant access to a variety of information. Therefore, our instruction needs to produce a higher level of thinking and learning.

Dr. Cutaia shared specific details about the HQI professional learning experience administrators, teachers and students had over the summer. Two guest teachers of Math taught two classes of 20 students, rising 5th and 6th grade students, for a week. Approximately 70 administrators and teachers observed, then debriefed on what they saw. At the end of the week, students shared their personal highlights of the week. Students thanked the teachers for allowing them to work through the problem.

Dr. Cutaia then asked some staff to comment on their experience.

Back to School Report

Dr. Cutaia provided a report on the first two weeks of school. She shared some work done over the summer with administrators that included professional learning, re-envisioning the Milford Teacher Academy and more. The first day of school was held on August 28. To date, 5,000 Chromebooks have been issued to students and staff. The buses had a smooth transition and the tracker application worked well on day one. New this year the transportation office will aim to approve seats on a bus for non-eligible students by October 1, instead of no earlier than October 1. She thanked the facilities department for getting the schools and parking lots ready for the children.

Human Resources Report

Mrs. Kopazna shared the human resources activity for August.

Disbursement Report

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

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

VI. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

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

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Mr. Firmender seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

None.

VIII. BOARD COMMENT

Mrs. Petroske said she attended convocation. The mood was very uplifting.

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

IX. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Recording Secretary: _____
Mrs. Pam Griffin

Corresponding Secretary: _____
Mrs. Jennifer Federico