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## **Milford Board of Education**

Meeting Minutes (Actions)  
June 13, 2011

### **Board members present:**

David Amendola  
Tracy Casey  
Suzanne DiBiase  
Josip Jukic  
Diane Kruger-Carroll  
Jay Tranquilli  
Jack O'Connell  
Dr. Mark Stapleton, Chair  
Robert M. White

### **Board members absent:**

Greg Oliver

### **Administration present:**

Dr. Elizabeth Feser  
Mike Cummings  
Philip Russell  
Susan Kelleher  
Wendy Kopazna

## **I. Call to Order**

The Milford Board of Education held a Business Meeting on Monday, September 12, 2011, in the Board Room at the Parsons Government Complex. Chairman Stapleton called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. with the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance immediately following.

## **II. Consideration of Minutes**

Mr. White made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 22, 2011 Business Board Meeting. Mr. Amendola seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

## **III. Student Reports**

Danielle Novak reported on the latest activity and upcoming events occurring at Jonathan Law High School. Tess Gildea and Thomas Bassine presented the report for Joseph A. Foran High School. Both reports are on file.

## **IV. Public Comment**

Lucila Massey – 57 Morris Street – Ms. Massey stated that parent communication and involvement is key. She hoped the board had reached out to the parent community before making the sales of food decision. She is excited about the goals. The goals indicate parental involvement. This is a step in the right direction.

Cathy Berni – 96 Centennial Drive – She commended the board on delaying the start of school. However, there is confusion on the calendar, or is it that the old calendar is still on the website. She then noted that the new assessment will be keyboard oriented. Students are not taught keyboarding until middle school. She is concerned those students who are not comfortable typing may not do well.

## **V. Chair's Report**

Chairman Stapleton called for the liaison reports to be heard.

Mr. White told the board that neither he, nor Mrs. Casey was able to attend the Permanent School Building Facilities meeting.

Dr. Stapleton announced there would be a policy workshop on October 3, 2011 at 7PM. The board will use the time to review policies.

Mrs. Casey explained that she had a lengthy conversation with Dr. Feser about policies. The board has its set of policies which govern the board. Those policies have not been reviewed in years.

## **VI. Superintendent's Report**

### **1. Introduction of Administrator**

Dr. Feser introduced Dr. Ralph Barberio to the board. Dr. Barberio will replace Mr. Kramer as the assistant principal at Jonathan Law. Dr. Barberio was a math teacher at Law prior to accepting the position.

Back to School Report

Instructional Division

Operational Division

Transportation Report

Personnel Report

Mrs. Kopazna reported there have been 23 teachers have been hired for the 2011-12 school year. The focus has now shifted to completing the mandatory reports needed for the State Department of Education.

Mrs. Casey asked if any of the para-educators were recalled. Mrs. Kopazna told her, of the 13 that were laid off, none were called back for the 2011-12 school year. Mrs. Casey would like to know how long are recall rights for pare-educator's.

## **VII. Consent Agenda**

Mr. White made a motion to approve Consent Agenda Items a. Mrs. Casey seconded.

- a. Voucher List (Disbursements): Administration recommends approval of the Disbursement report. (EL-6, EL-7)

The motion passed unanimously.

## **VIII. Action Items**

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Mr. White made a motion to accept 2011-14 District Goals and the various administrative policies put forward. Mr. Amendola seconded.

A board discussion ensued. The decision was made to withdraw the motions and approve the policies separately. Mr. Amendola withdrew his second. Mr. White withdrew his motion.

Mr. White made a motion to accept the 2011-14 District Goals as presented by administration. Mr. Amendola seconded. Mrs. Casey asked that the subgroups be added to number three of the goals. The motion passed 8-1 with the noted changes. (O'Connell-No)

Mr. White made a motion to approve the Acceptable Use of Computers policy 4118.5. Mr. Amendola seconded. The motion passed 8-1. (Jukic-No)

Mr. White made a motion to approve the Acceptable Use of Computers policy 6141.321. Mr. Amendola seconded. Mrs. Casey asked if an attorney has reviewed the language and was told no. She will approve if administration will forward it to counsel for review. The motion passed.

Mr. White made a motion to approve the Cellular Telephones/District Issued Communication Devices policy 4118.6. Mr. Amendola seconded. The motion passed.

Mr. White made a motion to approve the Use of Cellular Telephones policy 5131.81. Mr. Amendola seconded. The motion passed.

Mr. White made a motion to approve the Social Networking (Staff) policy 4118.41. Mr. Amendola seconded. The motion passed.

Mr. White made a motion to approve the Social Networking (Students) policy 5132.82. Mr. Amendola seconded. The motion passed.

Mr. White made a motion to approve the Parent Portal Acceptable Use and Safety policy 1110.1. Mr. Amendola seconded. The motion passed.

Mr. White made a motion to approve the Retention policy (5123). Mr. Amendola seconded. Mrs. Casey would like to see the policy it is replacing. Mr. O'Connell recommended that the policy approval be tabled until the next meeting.

Mr. White made a motion to approve the Learning policy (6120). Mr. Amendola seconded. The motion passed.

### **IX. Board Comment**

None.

### **X. Adjournment**

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

Recording Secretary:

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Pam Griffin

Corresponding Secretary:

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Robert M. White