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Milford Board of Education

Public Information Session Minutes
September 23, 2014

Board members present:

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

Administration present:

Dr. Elizabeth Feser
Michael Cummings

Others present:

Laura Boutilier, CCSC
Nick Caruso, CABE

Board Members absent:

Michael DeGrego

I. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Glennon called the Special Meeting of the Board to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Auditorium at Jonathan Law High School. She then led those present in the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSION ON THE LONG RANGE PLAN TO DATE

Ms. Glennon delivered a presentation exhibiting the work that has been done relative to the long range plan of the Milford Public Schools.

Key indicators of the study included: enrollment, facilities, programmatic needs, transitions/configurations and public input. Historical and projected enrollment numbers showed a decline of approximately 2,200 students between 2005 through 2020. She reviewed the process in which the Board used to gain an agreement of concepts. The Board is in support of:

- K-5 configuration, beginning in September 2015
- A system wide redistricting to rebalance enrollment at the elementary level
- Preschool classrooms in more than one site
- Close Harborside Middle School in 3-5 years when the planned renovation and expansion at West Shore Middle School is complete
- Implementation of new programming at all levels

Ms. Glennon shared some of the new programming being considered. She then indicated the board is mixed on whether or not to close an elementary school.

Ms. Glennon showed the proposed timeline that would begin pursuant to the Board's adoption of a plan at its October 13th Business meeting.

Ms. Glennon read the ground rules for comments before opening the floor up to speakers.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

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Eight people spoke about the proposed changes to the schools.

Ms. Glennon thanked them for their comments. She then asked for a motion to recess.

IV. RECESS

Mrs. Fucci made a motion to recess until September 29th at 7:00 p.m. at Joseph A. Foran auditorium. Mr. DeRosa seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting recessed at 7:35 p.m.

Mrs. Pam Griffin
Recording Secretary

Mrs. Laura Fucci
Corresponding Secretary