

Milford Board of Education

Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

February 24, 2020

Board members present:

Adam DeYoung
Andrew Fowler
Susan Glennon
Rita Hennessey
Warren Pawlowski
Betsy Ratner
Cindy Wolfe Boynton
Cynthia Twiss
Nicole Wasson

Administration present:

Dr. Anna Cutaia
Dr. Amy Fedigan
Mr. James Richetelli

Board members absent:

Una Petroske (excused)

I. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Glennon called the committee of the whole meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Board of Education Room.

II. PARENT INVOLVEMENT REPORT

Dr. Cutaia said the presentation would be on parent involvement. The state put the expectations in place several years ago. She then introduced Mrs. Annaliese Spaziano, Instructional Supervisor Student Development and Wellness grades 6-12, and Mr. Sean Smyth, Instructional Supervisor Student Development and Wellness grades Pk-5, to present the results of the 2019 parent survey.

Mrs. Spaziano narrated a presentation that provided the Board with background going back to 2016, when the state embedded stakeholder goals to the teacher and administrator evaluation requirements. Parent involvement has been embedded in the District Priorities. **Priority # 4:** Parent, community and business relationships will be built and supported recognizing that they contribute to increased learning for all students.” To assist in measuring the district’s progress, Milford administers an annual survey to assist administration with the district’s progress. Mrs. Spaziano reviewed the results of the survey with the Board. The survey has 28 questions with a response range of strongly agree to strongly disagree. The administration reviews the results of the survey by school level and by school to identify what is going well or what areas are in need of improvement. Shared with the Board were the survey results, by district and school levels elementary, middle and high school.

Principals from elementary, middle and high school levels shared how the schools are attempting to connect with their parent community. Included this year are Twitter feeds, Digital Back Pack and the Milford Public Schools app. Dr. Cutaia noted participation in the survey has been dropping off each year. She said the District is looking at the timing of when the survey is administered in an effort to get more parent responses.

Answers were provided to board member questions.

Ms. Glennon thanked the Administration for the report.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. DeYoung made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Fowler seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Recording Secretary: _____
Mrs. Pam Griffin

Corresponding Secretary: _____
Mr. Andrew Fowler