

**Milford Board of Education**

**Virtual Special Meeting and Live Streamed on YouTube**

**Meeting Minutes**

July 27, 2020

**Board members present:**

Adam De Young  
Andrew Fowler  
Susan Glennon (Chair)  
Rita Hennessey  
Emily McDonough Souza  
Warren Pawlowski  
Una Petroske  
Betsy Ratner  
Nicole Wasson  
Cindy Wolfe Boynton

**Administration present:**

Dr. Anna Cutaia  
Dr. Amy Fedigan  
Wendy Kopazna  
Jim Richetelli  
Chris Brown

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Ms. Glennon called the virtual special meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. By a roll call, all Board members were present. Ms. Glennon then led the Board in the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

**II. COVID-19 UPDATE**

Dr. Cutaia shared that the district submitted a plan with three scenarios of how school could look in the fall to the State on Friday, July 24. Today, on a call with the State Commissioner of Education at 4PM, Superintendents learned that individual districts will have more flexibility on how schools will re-open.

Dr. Cutaia and Mr. Richetelli shared details on the preliminary financial projections for costs related to COVID-19: an additional \$11M for the full time in person scenario. The monies in the non-lapsing account and the monies from the CARES commitment are around \$1.5M.

A Board discussion ensued. Ms. Glennon reminded the Board another special meeting on the budgetary impact of the pandemic is planned for August 10<sup>th</sup>

**III. PROPOSED REVISION TO 2020-21 ACADEMIC SCHOOL CALENDAR**

Dr. Cutaia informed the Board that late last week the State Board of Education approved a waiver that will allow school districts to adjust their calendars to 177 instructional days rather than the 180 day requirement. Those three days will be used for staff to receive pandemic related training before students return. Therefore, the first five days will be allocated for

professional learning for staff. With the adjustment, that shifts the opening date for schools. Staff will return on August 31. Students will return on September 8. The last day for students will be June 14 barring no other cancellations. The changes made to the calendar align to State requirements.

Ms. Glennon called for a motion.

Mrs. Petroske made a motion that the Milford Board of Education approves the revised 2020-21 school calendar as presented. Mr Fowler seconded. By a roll call vote (10-0), the motion passed.

#### **IV. ADJOURNMENT**

Mrs. Petroske made a motion adjourn. Mr. Fowler seconded. The motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Recording Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mrs. Pam Griffin

Corresponding Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mrs. Una Petroske