

Milford Board of Education

Virtual Business Meeting and Live Streamed on YouTube

Meeting Minutes

September 14, 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 board meeting to order at 7:28 p.m. She apologized for the late start caused by technical difficulties. By a roll call, all Board members were present. Ms. Glennon then led the Board in the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. CHAIR'S REPORT

Ms. Glennon told the Board the high school liaisons will begin reporting to the Board next month. The Committee of the Whole will be held on Tuesday, September 29th and will include the COVID-19 budget update. The budget priorities and assumptions will be discussed next month. She then called for liaison reports.

Mr. Fowler reported on the Permanent School Building Facilities Committee. Items discussed were ongoing work on new entryways and projects at The Academy, Meadowside and Harborside and Orchard Hills.

Mr. De Young told the Board the Milford Education Foundation held a leadership retreat to discuss programming in light of COVID. They are working with MPS on a video production program.

Ms. Ratner shared that the Milford Prevention Council is working with students to create their own YouTube channel with videos focused on prevention.

Mrs. Petroske reported on Planning and Zoning. The Metro Star apartment development downtown has been approved and could have some effect on enrollment.

III. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Back to School Report

Dr. Cutaia provided the Board with highlights of the reopening of schools. Highlights included technology improvements, building renovations, curriculum work and some transportation changes to ensure the district is in line with the new COVID guidelines. Food services served 77,150 meals over the summer at no cost to families. In addition, Milford Public Schools has been awarded a grant that will allow the district to provide breakfast and lunch to all students at no cost to them. More information will be forthcoming.

Instructional Highlight: Curriculum Update

Dr. Fedigan, assisted by the instructional supervisors, narrated a presentation that provided details of the curriculum writing and revisions performed over the summer. The curriculum revision calendar provides the work progress in the seven year revision cycle. The department will continue to look at refining and adjusting the curriculum to account for the educational recovery brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic while continuing to have a strong focus on High Quality Instruction. Each team in core area subjects shared their work. The presentation is on file.

Policy 6114.81 Pandemic/Epidemic or Other Declared Emergencies: Emergency Suspension of Policy

Ms. Glennon explained this was a second reading and called for a motion on the policy.

Mrs. Petroske made a motion that the Milford Board of Education approves policy 6114.81 Pandemic/Epidemic or Other Declared Emergencies: Suspension of Policy as presented by Administration. Mr. Fowler seconded. The motion passed 7-3 (De Young/Fowler/Pawlowski-No).

Human Resources Report

Ms. Kopazna presented the Human Resources Report.

Disbursement Report

Mr. Richetelli presented the Disbursement Report. The report will have COVID-19 related items highlighted going forward.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

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

Consideration of Minutes:

August 24, 2020 Business Meeting

Mr. Fowler seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

V. BOARD COMMENT

Mr. De Young thanked the Administrative team for all their efforts getting the schools

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ready to welcome the children.

Ms. Glennon also offered her gratitude for the work of the Administrative team.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:34 p.m.

Recording Secretary: _____
Mrs. Pam Griffin

Corresponding Secretary: _____
Mrs. Una Petroske