

Milford Board of Education

Committee of the Whole Meeting and Live Streamed on YouTube

Meeting Minutes

October 25, 2021

Board members present:

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

Administration present:

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Glennon called the board meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. By a roll call, all ten Board members were present.

She went over housekeeping which included wearing masks while inside a school building and during public comment. This is in compliance with the Governor's executive orders and guidance from the Health Department.

Ms. Glennon then led the Board in the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. INTRODUCTION OF NEW PRINCIPAL OF JONATHAN LAW HIGH SCHOOL

Dr. Cutaia introduced Mr. Bryan Darcy to the Board. She then provided a brief background on Mr. Darcy's career. Mr. Darcy assumed the post as principal of Jonathan Law High School officially on October 18, 2021. Mr. Darcy shared that things went well in his first week. He is thrilled to be a part of a tight knit community.

III. TRANSPORTATION REPORT

Mr. Richetelli narrated a presentation on the district's annual regular education transportation report. The report included bus runs, bus stops, bus and fuel costs, etc. The district is currently using 62 busses and vans (40 regular and 22 special ed). He did note there have been changes due to COVID. For example, attendance is taken and there are assigned seats for elementary students. A system should be in place soon that will include a

card distribution to riders that has the ability to take attendance and will be instrumental in contact tracing.

IV. BOARD POLICIES FOR A FIRST READING

Dr. Cutaia presented three policies to the Board for a first reading. All three policies are required by state and federal law. They are:

Individualized Education Program/Special Education Program - 6159

Drugs, Tobacco, Alcohol - 6164.11

Preschool Students with Disabilities - 6171.2

There was a Board discussion around policy 6159 (IEP/Spec. Ed Program). The Board was presented with two policies; one, a lengthy policy with much language that relates to the Administrative function and, two, a shorter policy stating the district will follow the laws of special education.

Following the discussion, Ms. Glennon canvassed the Board for their preferred format. Eight Board members preferred the shorter version with much of the language from the lengthy policy incorporated into an Administrative Regulation. Two members (Cindy Boynton and Megan Doyle) preferred the more lengthy policy.

Dr. Cutaia offered to review the two versions and make a recommendation to the Board at the next business meeting. All three policies will be presented for approval at the November business meeting.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Glennon read the Public Comment statement.

A member from the audience offered comments about CRT. Ms. Glennon reminded her public comment is limited to agenda items at committee of the whole meetings.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Petroske made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Fowler seconded. Seeing no objections, Ms. Glennon adjourned the meeting at 8:34 p.m.

Recording Secretary: _____
Mrs. Pam Griffin

Corresponding Secretary: _____
Mrs. Una Petroske