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**Milford Board of Education**

**Business Meeting and Live Streamed on YouTube**

**Meeting Minutes**

December 13, 2021

**Board members present:**

Adam De Young  
Meghan Doyle (arrived 7:25)  
Andrew Fowler  
Susan Glennon (Board Chair)  
Emily McDonough Souza  
Holly Mulrenan  
Una Petroske  
Betsy Ratner  
Cindy Wolfe Boynton

**Administration present:**

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

**Board members absent:**

Rita Hennessey (excused)

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Ms. Glennon called the board meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. By a roll call, eight Board members were present. Ms. Glennon said Ms. Doyle will be late and Mrs. Hennessey was ill. Ms. Glennon then led the Board in the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. Glennon reviewed housekeeping which included wearing masks at all times while inside a school building and during public comment.

**II. STUDENT REPORTS**

Jackson Warters and Aidan King presented the report for Law. David Gaetano and Arezoo Ghazagh presented the report for Foran.

**III. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ms. Glennon read the Public Comment statement.

Ed Vanchot – 858 New Haven Avenue – Mr. Vanchot spoke about his concerns with the increase in teen suicides, bullying, juvenile crime and more.

**IV. CHAIR'S REPORT**

Ms. Glennon removed the November 22, 2021 Orientation minutes from Consent Agenda Items and placed them under New Business. She reviewed January budget workshop dates and reminded everyone there will not be a committee of the whole meeting in December. The January budget workshop(s) could be held virtual if there is inclement weather.

Mrs. Petroske attended the Board of Aldermen meeting. The new building resiliency program is in place.

Mr. Fowler updated the Board on the Permanent School Building Facilities Committee and school building projects.

Ms. Glennon attended PTA Council and provided a primer on the CIP.

## **V. NEW BUSINESS**

Mrs. Petroske made a motion that the Milford Board of Education approves the Amended Working Agreement between the Connecticut Association of Labor Unions, CALU #3, Milford Association of Education Secretaries (MAES) and the Milford Board of Education – July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2023. Mr. Fowler seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Glennon said the November 22, 2021 orientation minutes need to be corrected. They have Mr. Pawlowski as attending, however, he was no longer on the Board. Ms. Holly Mulrenan was in attendance.

Mrs. Petroske made a motion that the Milford Board of Education approves the November 22, 2021 Orientation minutes as corrected. Mr. Fowler seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

## **VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

### **Instructional Highlight – Social and Emotional Learning**

Instructional supervisors Dr. Christianne Golesky and Mr. Sean Smyth narrated a presentation which provided an overview of social emotional learning as well as justification for the importance of the work. Examples of social emotional learning curriculum were shared and how critical it is to the well-being and individual success of children. They explained Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and how the experiences can impact a child's mental health; how the pandemic has played a role in mental health. The district's work is evolving to be proactive and ensure the necessary supports are incorporated in the curriculum. The presentation is on file.

### **Athletic Program Annual Financial Report**

Mr. Richetelli presented the athletic program financial report for the 2020-21 fiscal year. Milford currently runs 24 CIAC sanctioned sports. However, some were affected by the pandemic; spring sports, wrestling and football were canceled. Other sports ran on an abbreviated schedule. He provided a breakdown of the expenditures by sport. He noted funds are split between the general funds account and the athletic activities account. The girl's hockey co-op has moved from Notre Dame to Hamden due to Notre Dame's withdrawal from the co-op.

### **Human Resources Report**

Ms. Kopazna presented the Human Resources Report for November. Included in the report were the personnel changes as well as stipend appointments. The department has received seven retirements. The district currently has five open teaching positions (new).

### **Disbursement Report**

Mr. Richetelli presented the Disbursement Report for the month of November. COVID related expenses were noted in yellow.

### **Board of Education Schedule of Meetings 2022**

Dr. Cutaia presented the proposed 2022 Board of Education Schedule of Meetings.

Mrs. Petroske made a motion that the Milford Board of Education approves the 2022 Board of Education Schedule of Meetings. Mr. Fowler seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### **2022-2023 Academic Calendar**

Dr. Cutaia presented the proposed 2022-2023 Academic Calendar to the Board. The first day for staff is August 29 and for students, the first day will be August 31. A Board member suggested the district have a full week off in February. Dr. Cutaia provided the Board with results from two recent surveys that were administered to staff and families. She also looked at February breaks in other districts.

The calendar will need a one correction before being submitted for approval at the January business meeting.

## **VII. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

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

Consideration of Minutes:

November 8, 2021 Business Meeting

November 22, 2021 Organizational Meeting

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

## **VIII. BOARD COMMENT**

None.

## **IX. ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION: SUPERINTENDENT'S MID-YEAR UPDATE**

Mrs. Petroske made a motion that the Milford Board of Education adjourns to executive session for the Superintendent's Mid-Year Update. Dr. Cutaia was invited into the session. Mr. Fowler seconded. The motion passed unanimously. (9:27 p.m.)

Ms. Glennon called the meeting back into public session at 10:48 p.m.

## **X. ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. Petroske made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Fowler seconded. Seeing no objections, Ms. Glennon adjourned the meeting at 10:48 p.m.

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

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