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**Milford Board of Education**

**Business Meeting and Live Streamed on YouTube**

**Meeting Minutes**

March 13, 2023

**Board members present:**

Katherine Alling  
Adam De Young  
Meghan Doyle  
Andrew Fowler  
Tracey Irby  
Susan Glennon (Board Chair)  
Gary Peluchette  
Cindy Wolfe Boynton

**Administration present:**

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

**Board members absent:**

Emily McDonough Souza (excused)  
Una Petroske (excused)

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Ms. Glennon called the board meeting to order at 7:09 p.m. in the Board of Education room at Parsons. By a roll call, eight (8) Board members were present.

**II. STUDENT REPORTS**

Aislinn Burns and Cole Pleimann updated the Board on the activities at Jonathan Law. Venice Montanaro and Connor Nieman updated the Board on the activities at Joseph A. Foran.

**III. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**IV. CHAIR'S REPORT**

Ms. Glennon shared that the Board of Finance will vote on the budget on March 15 at 5:30 in conference room B at Parsons. March is Music in Our Schools month. Information about the concerts was shared in the Board Updates. March is also Board member appreciation month and she thanked the members for their work and support of Milford Public Schools.

Ms. Wolfe Boynton gave some highlights of the Permanent Building School Facilities Committee meeting. The Foran roofing project is on a temporary hold awaiting grant funding approval from the state.

**V. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

**Instructional Highlight: World Language**

Dr. Fedigan introduced instructional supervisors Mrs. Beth Mauro and Mrs. Sarah Breuer to give the Board an update on Pk-12 World Language.

Mrs. Mauro and Mrs. Breuer narrated a presentation that included concepts on how teaching languages has morphed enabling learners to learn at higher levels. They reviewed the program review and the curriculum revision cycle. World language teacher Ms. Minette Junkins demonstrated a sample lesson to show how the learning has shifted from textbook to engagement/immersion. In 2022, 26 Milford Public Schools high school students earned CT Seal of Biliteracy in Spanish, French, Arabic, and Russian. This is a first for the district. They concluded the presentation by sharing the plans for the expansion of the department curriculum through 2026. The presentation is on file.

### **Food Service Financials**

Mrs. Faustich gave the annual Food Services Financial Report. The food services program is a self-supported program and not part of the Board operations budget. The year began with free meals for students through November and then was reinstated on March 1<sup>st</sup>. Students' meals will be offered at no cost through June. Proposed legislation being considered in Hartford would mandate that school districts offer free meals to kids with potentially only a small return of funds to Food Services. Further discussions may need to occur if the legislation passes without funding. The Food Services Financial Report is on file.

### **Healthy Food Certification**

Ms. Faustich made a recommendation that the district continue to participate in the Healthy Food Certification program for the next year. Milford Public Schools will receive 10¢ for each meal sold but is required to comply with the Connecticut Nutrition Standards published annually by the Connecticut Department of Education.

Mr. Fowler made a motion that the Milford Board of Education certifies that all food items offered for sale to students in the schools under its jurisdiction, and not exempted from the Connecticut Nutrition Standards published by the Connecticut State Department of Education, will comply with the Connecticut Nutrition Standards during the period of July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024. This certification shall include all food offered for sale to students separately from reimbursable meals at all times and from all sources, including but not limited to school stores, vending machines, school culinary programs, and any fundraising activities on school premises sponsored by the school or non-school organizations and groups. Mr. Peluchette seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Fowler made a motion that the Milford Board of Education will allow the sale to students of food items that do not meet the Connecticut Nutrition Standards and beverages not listed in Section 10-221q of the Connecticut General Statutes provided that the following conditions are met: 1) the sale is in connection with an event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend; 2) the sale is at the location of the event; and 3) the food and beverage items are not sold from a vending machine or school store. An "event" is an occurrence that involves more than just a regularly scheduled practice, meeting, or extracurricular activity. For example, soccer games, school plays, and interscholastic debates are events but soccer practices, play rehearsals, and debate team meetings are not. The "regular school day" is the period from midnight to 30 minutes after the end of the official school day. "Location" means where the event is being held and must be the same place as the food and beverage sales. Mr. Peluchette seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Board Policies for a Second Reading**

Dr. Cutaia reviewed changes made to three policies that were presented at the February business meeting.

Mr. Fowler made a motion that the Milford Board of Education approves Board Policy 5125.11 Health/Medical Records as presented by the Administration. Ms. Wolfe Boynton seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Fowler made a motion that the Milford Board of Education approves Board Policy 6144 Controversial Issues as presented by the Administration. Ms. Alling seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Fowler made a motion that the Milford Board of Education approves Board Policy 6145.3 Publications as presented by the Administration. Ms. Alling seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **Human Resources**

Ms. Kopazna presented the Human Resources Report for February. The report included personnel changes, job postings, retirements, resignations/terminations, and stipend appointments. Five retirements have been submitted to date.

#### **Disbursements Report**

Mr. Richetelli presented the Disbursement Report for February.

### **VI. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

Mr. Fowler made a motion that the Milford Board of Education approves the Consent Agenda Items:

Consideration of Minutes:

February 13, 2023 Business Meeting

February 27, 2023 Committee of the Whole Meeting

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

### **VII. BOARD COMMENT**

Mr. DeYoung told the Board the fine arts department is incredible. He said the performance by the choral students tonight was great. He was a guest reader at Calf Pen Meadow.

Ms. Wolfe Boynton commended Ms. Glennon and Dr. Cutaia for their presentation of the budget to the Board of Finance.

Ms. Glennon attended Foran's play, Legally Blonde, and attended the Electrify Your Symphony concert. More than 300 students participated. She was impressed by how much the strings program has grown.

### **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Fowler made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Peluchette seconded. Seeing no objections, Ms. Glennon adjourned the meeting at 8:44 p.m.

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

Corresponding Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Andrew Fowler