

Milford Board of Education

Committee of the Whole and Live Streamed on YouTube

Meeting Minutes

April 25, 2022

Board members present:

Katherine Alling
Meghan Doyle
Andrew Fowler
Susan Glennon (Board Chair)
Emily McDonough Souza
Una Petroske
Betsy Ratner

Administration present:

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

Board members absent:

Adam De Young (excused)
Cindy Wolfe Boynton (excused)

I. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Glennon called the board meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. in the board room at Parsons. By a roll call, seven (7) Board members were present.

II. NEXT GENERATION ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT AND THE PROFILE AND PERFORMANCE PRESENTATION

Dr. Fedigan provided a presentation on the 2020-21 Next Generation Accountability Report. The Next Generation Accountability System helps measure school and district success toward the goal of providing every student a quality education that prepares them for success. Indicators include academic achievement, academic growth, assessment participation rate, chronic absenteeism, preparation for postsecondary & career readiness, graduation track both ninth grade and four-year adjusted cohort and six-year adjusted cohort graduation rate, postsecondary entrance rate, physical fitness, and arts access. Each school receives an indicator score calculated using a formula that incorporates the accountability system indicators. There is a tiered system of resources and supports for schools based on their score.

There are two main differences with the new accountability system. In addition to measuring academic achievement, the new system also focuses on student growth over time. Measuring growth provides a more accurate picture than just looking at a snapshot in time of student performance. The second big change is that the new accountability system includes additional key indicators, such as chronic absenteeism, physical fitness, and arts access. Research has shown that students who attend school on a daily basis and maintain a healthy lifestyle are more likely to graduate and succeed in college. Access to an engaging arts curriculum creates a more well-rounded educational experience.

Dr. Fedigan reviewed the scores for the indicators. The District scored 81.6% points earned in the Accountability Index while the state average is 74.2% points earned.

A Board discussion ensued.

III. BOARD POLICIES FOR A FIRST READING

Four policies were reviewed by the Board.

The Board asked for some clarity around the interpretation of “parenting students” in the Married/Pregnant Students policy. A resolution could be changing the title of the policy to “Married/Pregnant Parenting Students.”

Minor changes were recommended for Safety: Safe and Secure School Facilities, Equipment and Grounds (P3516), Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness (P6114), and Naming/Commemoration of Facilities (P7551). All policies will be presented for approval at the May business meeting.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Fowler made a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Petroske seconded. Seeing no objections, Ms. Glennon adjourned the meeting at 8:21 p.m.

Recording Secretary: _____
Mrs. Pam Griffin

Corresponding Secretary: _____
Mrs. Una Petroske