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**Milford Board of Education**

**Committee of the Whole and Live Streamed on YouTube**

**Meeting Minutes**

May 22, 2023

**Board members present:**

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

**Administration present:**

Dr. Anna Cutaia  
Jim Richetelli  
Chris Brown  
Wendy Kopazna

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Ms. Glennon called the board meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. in the Board of Education room at Parsons. By a roll call, all ten (10) Board members were present.

**II. DISCUSSION OF THE RECOMMENDED ADJUSTMENTS TO THE 2023-24 BOARD OF EDUCATION BUDGET**

Dr. Cutaia told the Board that the 2023-24 education operations budget was approved by the Board in the amount of \$106,488,950 and submitted it to the mayor in January 2023. The Board of Finance made a reduction of \$1,848,816 before sending it to the Board of Aldermen. On May 11th, the Board of Aldermen approved \$106,290,134 for the 2023-24 budget for education operations, a reduction of \$198,816 from the \$106,488,950 that was submitted to the mayor.

Dr. Cutaia reviewed the recommended adjustments made to the budget and discussed them with the Board. She told the Board the reductions made will be the least disruption to the district's forward planning for programs and services. The Administration also added funds (\$40,000) to conduct a building space utilization study. The study will align with the Board's mission and goals. Additionally, Dr. Cutaia plans to host a community conversation to gain input and desires for future programming.

**III. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**IV. FINAL ADOPTION OF THE 2023-24 MILFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION BUDGET**

Mrs. Petroske made a motion that the Milford Board of Education approves the budget for 2023-2034 in the amount of \$106,290,134 with the line item adjustments as recommended by the Administration. Mr. Fowler seconded.

Mr. De Young thanked the Administration for the hours of extra work to help the board understand. He thanked the community for being present and supporting the Board's budget. He then thanked the Board of Aldermen for reinstating all but \$198,816 of the approved budget.

Mrs. Petroske echoed Mr. De Young's comments.

Ms. Glennon underscored the fact that the original budget represented the needs of the district and any of the potential reductions that were identified would be a pause or deferment on that expenditure until a later time.

Being no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Cutaia asked for a moment of privilege to thank the community and elected officials for their support.

## **V. BOARD POLICIES FOR A FIRST READING**

Dr. Cutaia presented six policies to the Board. Those were: 5114 Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process; 5144 Discipline, 6120 Learning; 6146.2 Weighted Grades; 6172 Remote/Online Learning and, 6172 Alternative Education.

Recommended changes will be made to the policies and will be presented for approval at the June business meeting.

## **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

Mrs. Petroske made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Fowler seconded. Seeing no objections, Ms. Glennon adjourned the meeting at 8:36 p.m.

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

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