

Approved

Milford Board of Education

Committee of the Whole Meeting and Live Streamed on YouTube

Meeting Minutes

May 23, 2022

Board members present:

Katherine Alling
Adam De Young
Meghan Doyle
Andrew Fowler
Tracey Irby
Susan Glennon (Board Chair)
Emily McDonough Souza
Una Petroske
Betsy Ratner

Administration present:

Dr. Anna Cutaia
Dr. Amy Fedigan
Jim Richetelli

Board members absent:

Cindy Wolfe Boynton (excused)

I. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Glennon called the committee of the whole meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. in the Board of Education room at Parsons. By a roll call, nine (9) Board members were present.

II. PARENT INVOLVEMENT REPORT

Mr. Sean Smyth and Dr. Christianne Golesky provided a report on family engagement (on file). They explained how the district overcame challenges due to the pandemic which left our buildings closed to visitors. Much of the family events resulted in virtual opportunities. Book fairs were online, drama and art shows were virtual, concerts took place outside, etc. However, meeting attendance, such as a 504, PPT and/or PTA meetings were well attended due to them being held virtually.

The annual family survey again reflected questions on the continued challenges of COVID. The results help drive the content for Parent University events, both academic and social and emotional.

III. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2023 – 2027

Mr. Richetelli provided the Board with an overview of how the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) works. Each year the Board of Education submits a Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) to the Mayor. The CIP is a planning tool that identifies the basic capital needs for the school system over the next five years. It is important to note that this is only a plan and does not carry any funding commitment. Each year the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen decide which projects are able to be funded. The dollar figures contained in the plan are estimates only. Detailed design, planning, and estimates are developed once a design professional is hired.

Mr. Richetelli and Dr. Cutaia shared a proposed project at Harborside to create parity with the improvements made at East Shore and West Shore; upgrades to the Technical Education spaces at the middle and high schools; the creation of a Child Learning Center space at Jonathan Law to match the one at Foran; and the creation of enhanced culinary program spaces at the high schools have been added. Two new proposed projects at Live Oaks and Calf Pen Meadow will create dedicated Media Centers and upgraded facility improvements that have previously been done at the other six elementary schools.

A Board discussion ensued.

Mrs. Petroske made a motion that the Milford Board of Education approves the 2023-2027 Capital Improvement Plan as recommended by the Administration and forward the plan to the Mayor for consideration and funding. Mr. Fowler seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. BOARD POLICIES FOR A FIRST READING

Dr. Cutaia reviewed five policies with the Board. Those policies are: 6141.51 Advanced Courses or Programs, Eligibility Criteria for Enrollment, 6146 Graduation Requirements, 6146.3 Fifth Year Students (request to rescind), 6172 Online Learning, 6153.2 Use of Personal Automobiles.

The Board reviewed the policies in detail. Some of the policies required further changes be made before they are presented for approval.

The policies will be brought back to the Board for approval at the June business meeting.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Petroske made a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Ratner seconded. Seeing no objections, Ms. Glennon adjourned the meeting at 9:07 p.m.

Recording Secretary: _____
Mrs. Pam Griffin

Corresponding Secretary: _____
Mrs. Una Petroske