

Unapproved

Milford Board of Education

Business Meeting and Live Streamed on YouTube

Meeting Minutes

May 8, 2023

Board members present:

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

Administration present:

Dr. Anna Cutaia
Jim Richetelli
Chris Brown
Wendy Kopazna

Board members absent:

Una Petroske (excused)

I. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Glennon called the board meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Board of Education room at Parsons. By a roll call, nine (9) Board members were present. Due to the large attendance for student recognition, Ms. Glennon moved “Student Recognition” to be the next agenda item.

II. STUDENT RECOGNITION

Dr. Cutaia recognized ten (10) students with the Connecticut Association of Boards of Education (CABE) Award. The CABE Student Leadership Award allows local boards to recognize students for their achievements and potential. Recognized were:

East Shore	Harborside	West Shore	Jonathan Law	Joseph A. Foran
Middle School	Middle School	Middle School	High School	High School
Gianna Dwyer	Sathvik Alla	Sadie Timmeny	Liam Fedigan	Maddie Elmo
Joseph Meglio	Madilynn Black	Josef Kremer	Kalli Kinsman	Joseph Gaetano

The Board congratulated all award recipients.

III. 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. The new liaisons for the 2023-24 were introduced to the Board.

The Board presented the outgoing student liaisons with a small token for their gratitude.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

V. CHAIR'S REPORT

Ms. Glennon reminded the Board of dates for the End of the Year Celebration and the District Art Show. She has not heard when the budget will be voted on. She also acknowledged Teacher Appreciation Day and thanked our educators for all they do.

Board Liaison Reports

Mr. De Young (MEF) attended Evening Under the Stars at the Foran Planetarium sponsored by the Milford Education Foundation. The MEF robotics team served as a strong competitor at the world championships.

Ms. Glennon (PTA Council) The PTA Council has chosen Marlene Sanchez as the lifetime achievement award recipient for 2023. She will be honored at the PTA Council meeting.

VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Instructional Highlight: Equity and Engagement Update

Instructional Supervisor of Equity and Engagement, Marissa Acampora provided an update of her entry points with the equity work in the district and her review of the Board's resolution affirming its commitment to social justice, equity and being an anti-racist school district in December 2020.

Mrs. Acampora joined MPS in January and began her work meeting with students, families and staff to learn how they feel. The work has been centered around listening and building relationships. Students, families and educators are engaged and are supportive of this work. Professional learning is being conducted with staff. She shared measures of equitable practices which clearly displayed gaps in children of challenges and socioeconomic sets. Summer work will include formation of a committee that includes parents/guardians and community members, curriculum work and conducting an equity audit. In the fall 2023, the district will begin sharing out the information learned through student groups, parent universities, equity dashboard, etc.

Board Policies

Dr. Cutaia presented four policies for approval. The policies were discussed at the previous meeting, edits were made and they are now ready for adoption.

Mr. Fowler made a motion that the Milford Board of Education approves Board Policy 5113 Attendance as presented by Administration. Mr. Peluchette seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Fowler made a motion that the Milford Board of Education approves Board Policy 5113.2 Truancy as presented by Administration. Mr. De Young seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Fowler made a motion that the Milford Board of Education approves Board Policy 6142.10 Health Education Program/Physical Activity as presented by Administration. Mr. De Young seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Fowler made a motion that the Milford Board of Education approves Board Policy 5141.213 Opioid Overdose Prevention as presented by Administration. Mr. Peluchette seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Human Resources

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

Disbursements Report

Mr. Richetelli presented the Disbursement Report for April and answered questions

Resolution Re: Authorizing the Assistant Superintendent of Business and Operations to Conduct Business

Mr. Sean Brennan has been selected to fill the vacancy when Mr. Richetelli he retires at the end of June. A resolution will need to be in place when he assumes his post on July 1st.

Mr. Fowler made a motion that the Milford Board of Education adopts the attached resolution authorizing Assistant Superintendent of Business and Operations Sean Brennan to conduct business and sign contracts on behalf of the Milford Board of Education and Milford Public Schools, effective July 1, 2023. Mr. De Young seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

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

Consideration of Minutes:

April 17, 2023 Business Meeting

April 24, 2023 Committee of the Whole Meeting

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

VIII. BOARD COMMENT

None.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Fowler made a motion to adjourn. Mr. De Young seconded. Seeing no objections, Ms. Glennon adjourned the meeting at 9:05 p.m.

Recording Secretary: _____
Mrs. Pam Griffin

Corresponding Secretary: _____
Mr. Andrew Fowler