

Approved

Milford Board of Education

Business Meeting and Live Streamed on YouTube

Meeting Minutes

May 9, 2022

Board members present:

Katherine Alling
Adam De Young
Meghan Doyle
Susan Glennon (Board Chair)
Emily McDonough Souza
Una Petroske
Betsy Ratner
Cindy Wolfe Boynton (7:03 p.m.)

Administration present:

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

Board members absent:

Andrew Fowler (excused)

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. APPOINTMENT OF NEW BOARD MEMBER

Ms. Glennon introduced Ms. Tracey Irby who was selected by the 3rd District to fill the seat vacated by Ms. Mulrenan.

Ms. Petroske made a motion that the Milford Board of Education appoints Ms. Tracey Irby to the unexpired term of the vacant 3rd District seat. Mrs. Ratner seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

City Clerk Karen Fortunati was in attendance to swear in Ms. Irby. Following the swearing in, Ms. Irby took a seat at the Board table.

III. STUDENT REPORTS

David Gaetano presented the report for Foran. Jackson Warters and Aidan King presented the student report for Law.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

V. CHAIR'S REPORT

Ms. Glennon told the Board that Andrew Fowler will serve on the Teachers Contract Negotiations committee. One more member is needed. She acknowledged all teachers in recognition of Teachers Week.

There were no liaison reports.

VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Instructional Highlight: Milford Measures

Dr. Cutaia and Dr. Fedigan narrated a presentation (on file) that gave the Board an introduction to Milford Measures. Milford Measures will help Administration understand how students are meeting performance expectations and how to gauge systemic growth using varied measures that will help us to realize progress toward our district goals and collective commitments. It uses three primary drivers: vision of the learner, relationships framework and curriculum and the district model for HQI (High Quality Instruction). HQI is the systems and structures in place. Vision of the Learner is the output. The district has begun the next phase of this important work which has included gathering focus groups from each of the fourteen schools to help assess the needs. Future updates will continue to be shared with the Board with regard to how the identified measures are informing our continuous improvement efforts.

Board Policies for a 2nd Reading

Dr. Cutaia presented Board policies four approval.

The Board discussed the revision to the Married and Pregnant Students policy 5134. They asked the Administration to review a paragraph that includes who can request adult education classes. The policy will be brought forward at the June business meeting.

Mrs. Petroske made a motion that the Milford Board of Education approves Board policy 3516 Safety: Safe and Secure School Facilities, Equipment and Grounds as presented. Mrs. Ratner seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Petroske made a motion that the Milford Board of Education approves Board policy 6114 Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness as presented. Mrs. Ratner seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Petroske made a motion that the Milford Board of Education approves Board policy 7551 Naming/Commemoration of Facilities as presented. Mrs. Ratner seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Human Resources Report

Ms. Kopazna presented the Human Resources Report for April. Included in the report were the personnel changes, job postings, retirements, resignations/terminations and stipend appointments. She noted 12 retirements have been received to date.

2021-22 Budget Transfers

Mr. Richetelli explained the need to transfer funds earlier than usual due to primarily three factors that include, the pandemic, the increase of inflation and supply chain shortages and increases in utilities and fuels. The Administration had asked the schools to curtail some expenses and there are funds in the freeze accounts that will cover the transfers at this time. The Administration is requesting to transfer \$207,547 from the 6000 and 8000 accounts to 4101, utilities.

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Mrs. Petroske made a motion that the Milford Board of Education approves the administration's recommended 2021 – 2022 Budget Transfers as recommended by Administration. Mrs. Ratner seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Disbursement Report

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

VII. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Mrs. Petroske made a motion that the Milford Board of Education approves Consent Agenda Items:

Consideration of Minutes:

April 11, 2022 Business Meeting

April 25, 2022 Committee of the Whole Meeting

Mrs. Ratner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. BOARD COMMENT

Mr. De Young thanked the Administration for offering visits to the schools and the science labs. He attended an outdoor concert at OHS.

Mrs. Ratner commended the fabulous teachers in honor of Teachers Appreciation Week and our administrators.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Petroske made a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Ratner seconded. Seeing no objections, Ms. Glennon adjourned the meeting at 8:38 p.m.

Recording Secretary: _____
Mrs. Pam Griffin

Corresponding Secretary: _____
Mrs. Una Petroske