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Milford Board of Education

Business Meeting and Live Streamed on YouTube

Meeting Minutes

September 12, 2022

Board members present:

Adam De Young
Meghan Doyle
Andrew Fowler
Tracey Irby
Susan Glennon (Board Chair)
Emily McDonough Souza
Una Petroske
Betsy Ratner
Cindy Wolfe Boynton (virtual)

Administration present:

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

Board members absent:

Katherine Alling (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 Board members were present. Ms. Wolfe Boynton attended virtually.

II. STUDENT REPORTS

Aislinn Burns and Skylar Johnson updated the Board on the activities at Jonathan Law. Venice Montanaro and Connor Nieman updated the Board on the activities at Joseph a. Foran.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

IV. CHAIR'S REPORT

Ms. Glennon stated the budget books have been delivered. The next Board meeting will be held on September 27. She called for liaison reports.

Ms. Wolfe Boynton provided an update on the Permanent School Facilities Building Committee which included various school projects. She also reminded the Board of the upcoming groundbreaking that will be held at Pumpkin Delight on Thursday.

V. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

SEL Student Support Services

Dr. Fedigan and Mr. Brown, assisted by Dr. Golesky and Mr. Smyth, delivered a presentation on Social Emotional Learning (SEL) (on file). The presentation included a review of what was presented to the Board in December 2021. Since December, the district formed an SEL Guiding Coalition to advance work on relationships. The coalition consists of school climate specialists, mental health professionals, and teachers from all 14 schools with the purpose of advancing district work on developing knowledge of SEL and creating plans to move SEL forward in the schools, with a strong emphasis on strengthening relationships and youth development. School newsletters, SEL toolkits, schools celebrating random acts of kindness day, advisory lessons, and teachers showcasing students (just because they are special) are some examples of the work of the coalition. The district will continue its work with the guiding coalition to embed SEL throughout the schools.

Back to School Report

Dr. Cutaia was happy to share with the Board that the beginning of the school year was incredible. The staff and students were excited to get back to normalcy. Provided in the report were highlights of the work performed by the Food Services, Facilities, Maintenance, Transportation, and Human Resources departments.

Human Resources Report

Ms. Kopazna presented the Human Resources Report for August. Included in the report were the personnel changes, job postings, retirements, resignations/terminations, and stipend appointments. The district has hired 35 teachers to fill open positions. There are currently four open teaching positions.

Disbursement Report

Mr. Richetelli presented the Disbursement Report for August and answered questions from board members.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

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

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

VII. BOARD COMMENT

Mrs. Ratner thanked the Administration for the wonderful SEL presentation.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Petroske made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Fowler seconded. Seeing no objections, Ms. Glennon adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Recording Secretary: _____
Mrs. Pam Griffin

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Corresponding Secretary: _____
Ms. Una Petroske