

**MILFORD GOVERNMENT ACCESS TELEVISION COMMITTEE (MGAT)  
SPECIAL MEETING  
AUGUST 31, 2017**

The Milford Government Access Television Committee (MGAT) held a Special Meeting on Thursday, August 31, 2017 in the Board of Education meeting room in the Parsons Complex. Chairwoman Flannery called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m.

**I. Roll Call**

Committee Members Present

Kara Flannery

Ryan McConnell

Chris Hiza

Barbara Genovese (7:47 p.m.)

**II. Utilization of Line Producer(s).**

Chairwoman Flannery thanked the Committee members for coming tonight on such short notice. She explained tonight's special meeting was to address utilization of line producer(s) and that she called the meeting to propose a change in the current operations of MGAT. Chairwoman Flannery stated she was seeking the Committee's approval for a new organizational structure where the broadcasting work is divided between two or more broadcasters and the approval of the Committee to begin an immediate search to fill the position of broadcasting contractor for the Board of Education studio. She stated this request comes following the first training session with DNR Productions on Monday, August 28, 2017. Chairwoman Flannery stated this Committee a responsibility to the citizens of Milford to maximize the significant investments made, both in time and money and to improve operations for MGAT. She stated there are tremendous opportunities to expand the Board of Education channel in a way that offers added value for its viewers and supports a stronger engagement with the Milford Public Schools. She stated with the new control room it gives MGAT the capacity to launch an internship program, which will offer valuable hands-on experience to our students. She reiterated she would like to begin the search immediately and asked the Committee for their support, as well as comments moving forward.

Mr. McConnell and Mr. Hiza made and seconded a motion to authorize the Chair to engage the services of one or more broadcasters to provide services for the Board of Education studio.

Ms. Genovese stated she had grave concerns moving in this direction and that she would not support the motion.

Mr. Hiza commented it is in the best of interest of MGAT and the City of Milford to have more than one individual trained on the new equipment as well as the other equipment. He stated it comes down to productivity.

Mr. McConnell stated although he has been on this Committee for a short time, his concern from day was about structure and the lack thereof. Discussion ensued.

The motion carried 3 yes (Flannery, Hiza, McConnell) and 1 no (Genovese).

### **III. Adjournment**

Being no further business to discuss, Chairwoman Flannery adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen A. Kennedy  
Recording Secretary