

Milford Board of Education

Special Meeting Minutes
January 11, 2017

Board members present:

Claire Casey
Michael DeGrego
Suzanne DiBiase
Jennifer Federico
Susan Glennon, Chair
Dr. Jess Gregory
Walter Hagedorn
Tom Jagodzinski
Susan Krushinsky
Earl Whiskeyman

Administration present:

Dr. Elizabeth Feser
Jeffrey Burt
Jim Richetelli
Carole Swift

I. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Glennon called the special meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. SUPERINTENDENT'S PROPOSED 2015-16 BUDGET DISCUSSION

Dr. Feser led the workshop discussion of her proposed 2017-18 budget, including the 38 questions that were submitted by the Board in advance of the workshop. The questions and answers are on file.

The Board requested follow up information on:

1. Provide a legal opinion as to both the exposure to the district and the exposure to individual board members if DDS turns the residential fees for out placed students over to the district.
2. Are the towns and cities that have students going to the magnet schools in New Haven and Bridgeport, allowed to limit how many students can attend each one of those schools?
3. Are elementary coaches a part of the overall FTE reduction? Do all schools need the same number of coaches given there is significant differences in enrollment between elementary buildings?
4. (Question 35) Pg. A22, do all the elementary schools have climbing walls? Why does this one need replacing?
5. What is the current computer replacement cycle? What are the annual expenditures for computers? Is the district trying to keep current with respect to computer technology?
6. Identify if the grants on page G1 are federally funded or state funded.

Approved

Ms. Glennon moved to Public Comment.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mrs. Cathy Berni – 96 Centennial Drive – Mrs. Berni reminded the Board of how the state tried to force districts to pay for magnet school tuitions last year. She suggested enlisting help from the state representatives in regards to the DDS issue.

Dr. Feser indicated the administration has informally sought assistance. However, the Connecticut Association of School Superintendents' is formally pursuing this dispute.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, Ms. Glennon asked for a motion to adjourn.

Ms. DiBiase made a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Federico seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:26 p.m.

Recording Secretary: _____

Mrs. Pam Griffin

Corresponding Secretary: _____

Ms. Suzanne DiBiase