

Milford Board of Education

Meeting Minutes
January 27, 2014

Board members present:

Tracy Casey
Michael DeGrego
John DeRosa
Suzanne DiBiase
Laura Fucci
Dr. Heidi Gold-Dworkin
Susan Glennon, Chair
Anthony Piselli
Christopher Saley
Earl Whiskeyman

Administration present:

Dr. Elizabeth Feser
Michael Cummings
James Richetelli
Susan Kelleher

I. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Glennon called the Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. with the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. SBAC TESTING SIMULATION

Dr. Feser told the Board workshop would focus on Smarter Balanced Assessments and the information administration has learned. She then turned the meeting over the Mr. Cummings.

Mr. Cummings introduced the administrative staff present. They were: Jennifer Sinal, Supervisor of English and Language Arts; Lisa Swanson, Supervisor of Math and Business; Gail Krois, Supervisor of District Improvement; John Scalice, Supervisor of Student Development; Justine LaSala, Supervisor of Science and Technical Arts; Ralph Barbiero, Supervisor of Social Studies and World Languages; David St. Germain, Supervisor of Media and Instructional Technology and Jeff Cibulas, Louis Giancola and Garrett Clark from the Information Technology department. All were present to offer remarks and/or learn from the Board's perspective.

Mr. Cummings began the discussion by placing strong emphasis on ensuring the Board understood the Smarter Balanced Assessments (SBAC) are not the Common Core. SBAC was designed to measure the implementation of the Common Core. However, there have been concerns because they are new, rigorous and complex.

Board members participated in two sample SBAC tests. One test was in 4th grade math, and the other 11th grade Language Arts. Following each test, Mrs. Krois led a conversation around the technical skills needed and test tasks. Mrs. Swanson and Ms. Sinal captured the Board's comments, both the pros and cons, as well as any Board questions. The information gathered from the discussion will be used to assist administration

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their learning, and in the development of the professional development that will be given to staff. A follow up discussion will take place at the February Committee of the Whole meeting.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Fucci a motion to adjourn. Mr. DeRosa seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Mrs. Pam Griffin
Recording Secretary

Ms. Laura Fucci
Corresponding Secretary