

Milford Board of Education
Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

September 23, 2019

Board members present:

Ray Arnold
Claire Casey
Jennifer Federico
Scott Firmender
Corinne Fucci
Susan Glennon, Chair
Rita Hennessey
Warren Pawlowski
Una Petroske

Administration present:

Dr. Anna Cutaia
Dr. Amy Fedigan
Wendy Kopazna
Jim Richetelli
Carole Swift

Board members absent:

Adam DeYoung (excused)

I. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Glennon called the committee of the whole meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. in the Board of Education Room. She noted Mr. De Young's absence due to a work emergency. She turned the meeting over to Dr. Cutaia.

II. STUDENT DATA ACHEIVEMENT REPORT

Dr. Cutaia said the student data achievement report will be shared by Dr. Fedigan.

Dr. Fedigan shared a presentation on the 2019 spring assessment data by way of SBA, SAT and AP Exam results. The report is on file.

After discussion by the Board, Dr. Cutaia concluded the report emphasizing the intent is to know that students are challenging themselves. In addition to the instructional curriculum work, the district is in the process of reviewing the school counseling approach. There will be more information on this to be shared at a later time.

III. PROPOSED 2020-21 BUDGET PRIORITIES AND ASSUMPTIONS

Dr. Cutaia presented the first reading of the Priorities and Assumptions that will drive the budget process for the 2020-2021 school year. Priorities include: Continued development of the core instructional program of literacy, numeracy, science, social studies, world language, the arts and social/emotional learning, Enhance the wellness and development of all students and staff, Support ongoing professional learning for all staff, Maintaining effective class sizes at all levels of instruction including a desire to reduce the maximum guideline for grades 3-5 from 25 to 23 students, Provide 21st century physical learning spaces that support high quality instructional practices, promote wellness and development, and ensure safe and secure environments, and Support of existing student extracurricular activities and athletics.

Mr. Richetelli presented the proposed budget assumptions. The assumptions help development of a fiscally responsible budget. There were minimal changes from the previous year.

These will be presented for a second reading and adoption at the October business meeting.

IV. BOARD POLICIES FOR A FIRST READING

Dr. Cutaia and Mr. Richetelli reviewed five policies with the Board for a first reading. They were: P-4118.4 Electronic Mail, P-4118.5 Acceptable Use of Computers and Technology, P4118.6 Cellular Telephones/District Issued Communication Devices, P4147.1 Infection Control Program and P5141.21 Administering Medications.

The Board had some questions and recommended changes to the policies. Those changes will be made before the policies are brought forth for a second reading and approval at the October business meeting.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

Ms. Glennon asked for a motion to adjourn.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Federico made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Firmender seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Recording Secretary: _____
Mrs. Pam Griffin

Corresponding Secretary: _____
Mrs. Jennifer Federico