

Milford Board of Education

Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes
September 26, 2016

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
James Richetelli
Carole Swift

I. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Glennon called the Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. with the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

She then turned the meeting over the Dr. Feser.

II. DISTRICT STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT REPORT

Mr. Burt delivered a PowerPoint presentation on the standardized assessment results for the school district, including SBA results from spring 2016, CMT/CAPT science scores for grades 5, 8, and 10, PSAT/SAT scores for grades 10 and 11, and NWEA results for grades 1-10. Principals and supervisors offered strategies, going forward, that will support district growth. The PowerPoint is on file.

III. POST GRADUATION PLANS FOR 2016-2017

Mr. Burt presented the 2015-16 graduation data, including information on graduates accepted to two and four year colleges and graduates accepted to top tier colleges. The Board was reminded that the IDEA law permits special education students to remain in school until age 21. There are a number of special education students who have completed their high school requirements and are part of a transition program until they are 21. The Federal law calculates these students as not graduating in four years.

Following the report, the Board asked to be provided with the number of students who have remained in Milford Public Schools until age 21.

IV. COMMUNITY RELATIONS POLICIES, 1000 SERIES

Ms. Glennon asked for a motion to approve policies 1140 and 1212.

Ms. DiBiase made a motion that the Milford Board of Education approves the following Community Relations policies as presented:

P 1140 Distribution of Materials to and by Students

P 1212 School Volunteers

Mrs. Federico seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Policy 1312 Public Complaints: To address a concern raised at the prior meeting Ms. Glennon reviewed the Board's Policy Governance, or bylaws. Board Policy Governance addresses complaints and grievances, as well as the chain of communication and the relationship between the Board and the Superintendent. The Board is to be the final step in the complaint process at which time the Board would be the arbiter at a potential hearing. This is a reason why board members should not initially be involved with the complaint process. The policy as written is consistent with the Board's Policy Governance.

Being no further discussion, Ms. Glennon asked for a motion.

Ms. DiBiase made a motion that the Milford Board of Education approves Policy 1312 Public Complaints as presented. Mrs. Federico seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Feser presented Policy 1311 Political Activities to the Board. Language was added to address equity for all parties visiting schools for political reasons.

Ms. Glennon asked for a motion.

Ms. DiBiase made a motion that the Milford Board of Education approves Policy 1311 Political Activities in the Schools with the recommended changes. Mrs. Federico seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

VI. ADJOURN

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Recording Secretary: _____
Mrs. Pam Griffin

Corresponding Secretary: _____
Ms. Suzanne DiBiase

Approved