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**Milford Board of Education**

**Special Meeting Minutes**

January 15, 2020

**Board members present:**

Adam De Young  
Andrew Fowler  
Susan Glennon (Chair)  
Rita Hennessey (left 8:40)  
Warren Pawlowski  
Una Petroske  
Betsy Ratner  
Cynthia Twiss  
Nicole Wasson  
Cindy Wolfe Boynton

**Administration present:**

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

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Ms. Glennon called the special meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. with the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance. She told the Board Mrs. Hennessey will leave at 8:40 due to a school commitment.

**II. SUPERINTENDENT'S PROPOSED 2020-21 BUDGET DISCUSSION**

The Board conducted a workshop on the superintendent's 2020-21 proposed budget. Board members reviewed and discussed administration's responses to 22 of the 39 questions that had been submitted in advance (on file) as well as addressing all additional questions and concerns that were raised during the workshop.

**III. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Cathy Berni – 96 Centennial Drive – Mrs. Berni supports administration's recommendation to add science labs at the elementary schools. Invite the public to attend an open house so they can see the benefits of having them for themselves. She supports the Community Resource Center and teaching kids World Language at an early age and the climbing walls.

Liz Shipman – 6 Dogwood Place – She spoke to the Board about the importance of reducing the class sizes in grades 3 through 5 and thinks smaller sizes offer an opportunity for better learning.

Ray Vitali – 48 Founders Way – Mr. Vitali was a principal many years ago. He offered a point of information: principals were allocated \$125/per pupil to work on their goals for the school. He also was principal at Live Oaks when the climbing wall was installed. He got sponsorships and some funds were PTA generated. He said the budget presentation was very interesting. He would like to learn more about maker space.

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#### IV. ADJOURNMENT

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

Mrs. Petroske made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Fowler seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:41 p.m.

Corresponding Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_

Mrs. Una Petroske

Recording Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_

Mrs. Pam Griffin