

Milford Board of Education

Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

October 23, 2017

Board members present:

Claire Casey
Suzanne DiBiase
Jennifer Federico
Susan Glennon, Chair
Walter Hagedorn
Tom Jagodzinski
Susan Krushinsky
Earl Whiskeyman

Administration present:

Dr. Elizabeth Feser
Jeffrey Burt
James Richetelli
Carole Swift

Board members absent:

Michael DeGrego
Dr. Jess Gregory

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.

She then turned the meeting over to Mr. Burt.

II. CIVIC AND GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT PATHWAY

Mr. Burt introduced Mr. Scott, Supervisor of Social Studies and World Languages. Mr. Scott narrated a PowerPoint (on file) that gave a background on a new pathway in which the school district wishes to pursue. The pathway, Civic and Global Engagement pathway, will place a strong emphasis on students' competency in global learning. The state has provided the opportunity for students to earn a Global Engagement Certificate. The Global Engagement Certificate endeavor has specific criteria and will be issued directly from the state, and is offered at no cost to districts. He reminded the Board that the desire to pursue civics emerged from the Community Conversation held last August.

Mr. Scott, with the assistance of world language department leaders, also shared a recent visit made to the Glastonbury school district to see its world language program in action. The program has been in place beginning in the elementary school level for 60 years. The visit highlighted the many benefits of early language learning. Ms. Glennon asked if there were studies that showed exposure to a foreign language in the early years led to increased student achievement. Mr. Scott indicated he has studies that do and agreed to send some to the Board. Currently, Milford offers a world language class for students in seventh grade. The district is exploring the opportunity to offer it to students entering 6th grade as early as the 2018-19 school year.

III. PROPOSED DISTRICT ACADEMIC TARGETS FOR SECOND READING

Mr. Burt presented the District Academic Targets for approval. He recapped, the Board met with Administration and an expert from the state to develop the targets. The targets were discussed at the

October Business meeting where the Board offered suggested changes to the document, mostly format changes. Mr. Burt reiterated the benchmarks are used as a guide to show progress to the target.

A brief discussion ensued.

Following the discussion, Ms. Glennon called for a motion.

Ms. DiBiase made a motion that the Board of Education approves the Proposed District Academic Targets as presented. Mrs. Federico seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

V. ADJOURN

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Recording Secretary: _____
Mrs. Pam Griffin

Corresponding Secretary: _____
Ms. Suzanne DiBiase