

**Milford Board of Education**  
**Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes**

October 28, 2019

**Board members present:**

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

**Administration present:**

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

**Board members absent:**

Una Petroske (excused)

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Ms. Glennon called the committee of the whole meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Board of Education Room.

Mrs. Federico made a motion to move Agenda item “V. Approval of the Working Agreement between Milford Board of Education and the Milford Education Association (MEA) – September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2023” to Agenda item II. Mr. Firmender seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Federico made a motion that the Milford Board of Education approves the Working Agreement between Milford Board of Education and the Milford Education Association (MEA) – September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2023. Mr. Firmender seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Glennon thanked Mr. Pawlowski for his work through the negotiations process.

Ms. Glennon turned the meeting over to Dr. Cutaia.

**II. COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE**

Dr. Cutaia provided the Board with an update on the work that has been done in response to the recommendations from the communications audit. She shared the goal is to deliver professional, pertinent information that is consistent throughout the district and, appropriate for our spectators.

She reviewed the work that has been completed since May 2019. The work includes re-engineering the website to make the individual school sites consistent, administrators using Twitter to push out positive information, unveiling a new and innovative digital backpack, a Milford Public Schools App and a video channel.

Mr. Jeff Cibulas shared demonstrations of the digital backpack, MPS App and the video channel. The digital backpack and the MPS App will go live on November 8. They will be smartphone friendly and serve as a “one-stop-shopping” concept.

Further down the road, winter/spring, Dr. Cutaia plans to host a community conversation and a book talk on Ted Dintersmith’s book titled, “What Schools Could Be” which focuses on the transformation of education.

### **III. BOARD POLICY FOR A SECOND READING**

Dr. Cutaia presented Board Policy P-3230.1 Federal Grants and Awards Administration for approval. There were no changes made at the first reading.

Mrs. Federico made a motion that the Milford Board of Education approves Board Policy P-3230.1 as presented. Mr. Firmender seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### **IV. BOARD POLICIES FOR A FIRST READING**

The following four policies were presented for a first reading: P-3511 Compliance with 504 Regulations P-6111 School Calendar, P-6120 Learning and P-6145.2 Extra-Curricular Activities.

The Board discussed each policy and recommended changes to them. The changes will be made and the policies will be presented for second reading and potential approval at the November 11 business meeting.

### **V. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Brandon Soriano – 53 Depot Road – Mr. Soriano is an alumni of Joseph A. Foran. He is very pleased to see the changes being made in the district.

Being no further comments, 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 8:25 p.m.

Recording Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mrs. Pam Griffin

Corresponding Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mrs. Jennifer Federico