

Milford Board of Education

Business Meeting Minutes

December 9, 2019

Board members present:

Adam De Young
Andrew Fowler
Susan Glennon (Chair)
Warren Pawlowski
Una Petroske
Betsy Ratner
Cynthia Twiss
Nicole Wasson
Cindy Wolfe Boynton

Administration present:

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

Board member absent:

Rita Hennessey (excused)

I. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Glennon called the business meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Board of Education room, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance being recited by all.

She then turned the meeting over the Dr. Cutaia for student recognition.

II. STUDENT RECOGNITION

Dr. Cutaia recognized Jordan Macdonald for her outstanding skills in swimming. Jordan has broken school records and she is a four time state champion in the Class M100 Butterfly.

Dr. Cutaia also recognized IT technician Jeff Cibulas for going above and beyond his day-to-day duties. He greets everyone with the same acceptance and willingness to resolve all issues brought forth.

The Board congratulated those recognized.

Ms. Glennon called for the student reports.

III. STUDENT REPORTS

Rohan Manohar and Ameila Mower presented the report for Law. Lucas Burgard and Camilla Massey presented the report for Foran.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

V. CHAIR'S REPORT

Ms. Glennon welcomed the new Board members. She informed the membership of the upcoming meetings, workshops and the annual senior citizen bus trip to a winter concert. The Board liaisons have been appointed for the 2019-21 term. She asked for the motion for the New Business item.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Petroske made a motion that the Milford Board of Education approves the working agreement between the Milford Board of Education and the Custodians/Maintainers Union Local 2019, Council #4, AFL-CIO July 1, 2018 – June 30, 20122. Mr. Fowler seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Glennon turned the meeting over to Dr. Cutaia for the Superintendents report.

VII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Instructional Highlight: Science

Dr. Fedigan, Mrs. Swanson and Dr. Nobili narrated a presentation (on file) that covered science in all grade levels, both, historical, current and where the district is going in 2020 and beyond. The science instruction needs have changed dramatically over the years, and with the state implementation of NGSS (Next Generation Science Standard), our curriculum needs to be revised. This is mainly due to the shift from teaching students from “learning about” to “figuring out.” Examples were presented to the Board.

Changes to the physical spaces for science will need to be considered in the coming years and will include a proposal to have dedicated science labs in each elementary school. The six-year science curriculum cycle was shared. The team shared how the new curriculum aligns with the Vision of the Learner and HQI.

Review of Summer Projects

Mr. Bradbury narrated a presentation (on file) that summarized the improvements and/or alterations that were done to the school buildings and grounds over the 2019 summer.

Proposed 2020-2021 Academic Calendar

Dr. Cutaia shared the proposed 2020-21 Academic Calendar with the Board. The proposed calendar complies with state law. She proposed the first day for staff be Monday August 24 and that students return on Wednesday August 26. Additionally, two additional professional development days have been added to the calendar. The tentative last day for students is June 7.

The Academic Calendar will be presented for approval at the January business meeting.

2020 Board of Education Meeting Schedule

Dr. Cutaia presented the 2020 Board of Education Meeting Schedule for approval. She noted all meetings are scheduled on the second and fourth Monday of the month with the exception of May 26, which is a Tuesday. In addition, there are no Committee of the Whole meetings in months June, July, August and December.

The Board noted the September 28 meeting falls on Rosh Hashanah. Dr. Cutaia suggested the meeting be moved to Tuesday, September 29. The Board was in agreement.

Ms. Glennon called for a motion to approve the schedule.

Mrs. Petroske made a motion that the Board of Education approves the 2020 Board of Education Meeting Schedule as presented. Mr. Fowler seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Human Resources Report

Mrs. Kopazna shared the human resources activity for November.

Disbursement Report

Mr. Richetelli shared the Disbursement Report for November 2019. The report contains expenditures over \$1,500.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Mrs. Petroske made a motion that the Milford Board of Education approves Consent Agenda Items: Consideration of Minutes:

November 11, 2019 Board Business Meeting

November 12, 2019 Special Meeting

November 25, 2019 Organization Meeting

November 25, 2019 Special Meeting

Mr. Fowler seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

IX. BOARD COMMENT

Ms. Glennon said she attended the vaping forum at the Milford Hospital on November 19. She was pleased to see the room was full.

X. ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mrs. Petroske made a motion that the Milford Board of Education adjourn to executive session for the Superintendent's Mid-Year Update. Dr. Cutaia was invited to the session. Mr. Fowler seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned for executive session at 9:20 p.m.

Mrs. Petroske made a motion to reconvene to public session at 10:08 p.m. Mr. Fowler seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:09 p.m.

Recording Secretary: _____

Approved

Mrs. Pam Griffin

Corresponding Secretary: _____
Mrs. Una Petroske