

Milford Board of Education

Business Meeting Minutes

February 10, 2020

Board members present:

Adam De Young
Andrew Fowler
Susan Glennon (Chair)
Rita Hennessey
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

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 students in the Wingman program from Harborside. The Wingman Program was started by Ian Hockley, whose son was a victim of Sandy Hook. The essence of the program is that students become advisors/leaders and teachers become participants with other students. The program is being piloted at Harborside this year. Five grade eight students were present to accept the recognition on behalf of the group: Matthew Preneta, Ike Opayemi, Cheyenne Rose and Matt Krenecki and Tommy Melillo.

The second recognition was given to three Live Oaks students and art teacher, Mrs. Corra. Mrs. Corra was recognized for her authentic approach to utilizing art to reach the social and emotional component of student health and well-being. Sofia Chiappone and Cameron Ishmael, both grade five students, were recognized for their creativity and growth while second grader, Elise Pitts, was recognized as being a role model student who is always willing to help a teacher or classmate.

The Board congratulated those who were recognized.

Ms. Glennon called for the student reports.

III. STUDENT REPORTS

Rohan Manohar and Ameila Mower presented the report for Law. Corina Massey presented the report for Foran.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Serina Woolsey – Ms. Woolsey is an eighth grade student at West Shore Middle School. She narrated a handout given to the Board. The information in the handout included the amount of hours teens need to sleep, sleep deprivation effects as well as a proposal to start high school later.

V. CHAIR'S REPORT

Ms. Glennon reported on the next phase of the budget process. Administration and Ms Glennon will make the presentation to the Board of Finance on February 19 in conference B at Parsons. CAFE Day on the Hill is March 11. The TRIM Honor Society Induction has been postponed. A new date will be forthcoming.

Ms. Glennon called for Liaison Reports.

Mr. De Young reported on the Milford Education Foundation. The Foundation met and discussed budget, Minds and Motion, Invention Convention and the Robotics team.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Glennon called for a motion.

Mrs. Petroske made a motion that the Milford Board of Education approves the working agreement between the CALU #3, Milford Association of Education Secretaries (MAES) and the Milford Board of Education effective July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2023. Mr. Fowler seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Glennon turned the meeting over to the Dr. Cutaia for the Superintendent's Report.

VII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

PreK-8 Literacy Program Review and Update

Dr. Fedigan told the Board that in the spring of 2019 the district engaged in a comprehensive self-study to review the area of PK-8 literacy. Surveys, classroom visits, performance data and internal documents were used to perform the review. Dr. Fedigan then introduced Humanities Supervisor Grades 6-12, Mr. Jim Messina, and Humanities Supervisor Grades Pk-5, Mrs. Bethany Mauro, who narrated the presentation. (on file)

School Safety and Security Report

Coordinator of School Safety and Security Mr. Nielsen assisted by Sergeant Doyle and Fire Inspector Tim Suden narrated a PowerPoint that highlighted school security. Mr. Nielsen spoke about the structure of the District Safety and Security Group, the group's purpose, security, and safety upgrades that have been done. The District Safety and Security Group meets regularly to review school safety

assessments, crisis management plans, training and ensures that district is in compliance with State safety and security mandates. Mr. Nielsen included how important the role of a School Security Resource officer is to the district and shared some statistics that supports their presence in the schools. He commended the school district for its relationships with the Police, Fire and Health Departments.

Human Resources Report

Mr. Richetelli provided the human resources activity for January. To date, administration has received 14 certified staff retirements.

Disbursement Report

Mr. Richetelli shared the Disbursement Report for January 2020. The report contains expenditures over \$1,500. The Board requested further information on Omni Data in the amount of \$67,944.02.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

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

Consideration of Minutes:

January 13, 2020 Business Meeting

January 15, 2020 Special Meeting

January 16, 2020 Special Meeting

January 22, 2020 Special Meeting

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

IX. BOARD COMMENT

Ms. Boynton publicly thanked the three students who read at the Milford Suffrage Committee kick off. They were Grace Jordan, Ameila Mower and Rosalita Navarra.

Mr. Pawlowski commended Ms. Woolsey (student) for her comments during public comment regarding flexible high school start times.

Mrs. Twiss said she attended the Unified Sports Basketball game. She was impressed by the positive affirming manner of everyone who worked with the students.

X. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Recording Secretary: _____
Mrs. Pam Griffin

Corresponding Secretary: _____
Mrs. Una Petroske