

Milford Board of Education

Virtual Business Meeting and Live Streamed on YouTube

Meeting Minutes

July 13, 2020

Board members present:

Adam De Young
Andrew Fowler
Susan Glennon (Chair)
Rita Hennessey
Emily McDonough-Souza
Warren Pawlowski
Una Petroske
Betsy Ratner
Nicole Wasson
Cindy Wolfe Boynton

Administration present:

Dr. Anna Cutaia
Dr. Amy Fedigan
Wendy Kopazna
Jim Richetelli
Chris Brown

I. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Glennon called the virtual business meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. By a roll call, all Board members were present. She led the Board in the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. CHAIR'S REPORT

Ms. Glennon reminded the Board of the upcoming Board meetings. Meetings will continue to be held virtually. Ms. Glennon called for the liaison reports.

Milford Prevention Council - Ms. Ratner shared that the Milford Prevention Council is forming an initiative to support adults and children around the topic of alcoholism during these uncertain times.

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

III. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Cutaia introduced Chris Brown as the new Pupil Personnel Director, replacing Carole Swift.

COVID-19 Update

Dr. Cutaia updated the Board on progress that has been made on reopening schools in the fall. Districts are required to submit a plan to the State by July 24, 2020, noting the State has not announced its plan to restart. The districts are asked to submit three scenarios for the 2020-21 school year. The three are 1. Fully Face-to-Face, 2. A Hybrid of Face-to-Face and Distance Learning and 3. Fully Distance Learning.

Those plans will be made available to parents following the submission. A task force has been established as well as a parent and community liaison group. They meet with Dr. Cutaia weekly.

Dr. Cutaia answered Board questions. She said more information will be available after the submissions.

Human Resources Report

Ms. Kopazna provided the human resources activity for June. To date, sixteen new teachers have been hired.

Quarterly Budget Report-Budget Transfers

Mr. Richetelli provided the Quarterly Budget Report and highlighted the various accounts that will show a surplus due to the schools closing in the spring leaving a total of \$978,700 to be transferred to the non-lapsing account for future expenses related to COVID for the 2020-21 school year.

Mr. Richetelli presented the final transfer requests to balance the 2019-10 budget.

Following a brief discussion, Ms. Glennon asked for a motion.

Mrs. Petroske made a motion that the Milford Board of Education approves the final 2019-20 budget transfers in the amount of \$398,484.02 as presented by the Administration. Mr. Fowler seconded. By a roll call vote (10-0), the motion passed.

Disbursement Report

Mr. Richetelli shared the Disbursement Report for June 2020. The report contains expenditures over \$1,500.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

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

June 8, 2020 Business Meeting

June 22, 2020 Special Meeting

Mr. Fowler seconded the motion. The motion passed.

V. BOARD COMMENT

Mr. De Young told the Board he attended The Academy graduation. He commended everyone for pulling off the ceremonies. They were very well done given the circumstances.

Ms. Glennon echoed Mr. De Young's comments. She attended a Jonathan Law graduation and watched them all.

ADJOURNMENT

Approved

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Recording Secretary: _____
Mrs. Pam Griffin

Corresponding Secretary: _____
Mrs. Una Petroske