

Milford Board of Education

Budget Workshop Minutes

January 19, 2022

Board members present:

Adam De Young
Meghan Doyle
Andrew Fowler
Susan Glennon (Board Chair)
Rita Hennessey (via Zoom)
Emily McDonough Souza
Holly Mulrenan
Una Petroske
Betsy Ratner
Cindy Wolfe Boynton

Administration present:

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Glennon called the board meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. By a roll call, ten (10) Board members were present. Ms. Hennessey joined virtually. Ms. Glennon then led the Board in the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. Glennon reviewed housekeeping which included wearing masks at all times while inside a school building and during public comment.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

III. FINAL QUESTIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS ON THE SUPERINTENDENT'S 2022-23 BUDGET

Dr. Cutaia discussed with the board a final question about the implementation of intentional play into all kindergarten classes vs implementing some in kindergarten and some in PreK next year. While the intent is to have intentional play implemented in all kindergarten and PreK classes by 2024, it does not change the funding if the Board would like to see all kindergarten classes done at once next year with Pre-K to follow. Funding comes from general funds, grant funds and ARP.

Ms. Glennon indicated she would revisit the consensus on the implementation of intentional play after voting. She then reviewed the process for voting and approval of the budget.

Una Petroske made a motion that the Milford Board of Education approves the Superintendent's proposed 2022-23 budget as presented, in the amount of \$102,008,319 and direct the Administration to

Approved

transmit it to the Mayor. Mr. Fowler seconded. Ms. Glennon called for discussion.

Board members took the opportunity to express their thoughts on the budget presented by Dr. Cutaia.

By a roll call vote, 9-1 (Fowler), the motion passed.

Ms. Glennon canvassed the Board members about having Administration make the change to the implementation of intentional play to all kindergarten classes next year. There were no objections to the change.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Petroske made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Fowler seconded. Seeing no objections, Ms. Glennon adjourned the meeting at 7:46 p.m.

Recording Secretary: _____
Mrs. Pam Griffin

Corresponding Secretary: _____
Mrs. Una Petroske