

Approved

Milford Board of Education

Committee of the Whole and Live Streamed on YouTube

Meeting Minutes

October 24, 2022

Board members present:

Katherine Alling
Adam De Young
Meghan Doyle
Andrew Fowler
Tracey Irby
Emily McDonough Souza
Una Petroske
Betsy Ratner

Administration present:

Dr. Anna Cutaia
Dr. Amy Fedigan
Jim Richetelli
Christopher Brown

Board members absent:

Cindy Wolfe Boynton (excused)
Susan Glennon (excused)

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Petroske called the board meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Board of Education room at Parsons. By a roll call, eight Board members were present.

II. APPROVAL OF THE EDUCATIONAL SPECIFICATIONS

Mr. Richetelli told the Board the Educational Specifications for the Partial Roof Replacement Project at Joseph A. Foran High School will need to be approved by the Board so the Administration can begin the application process for reimbursement from the State of Connecticut.

Andrew Fowler made a motion that the Milford Board of Education approves the Educational Specifications for the Partial Roof Replacement Project at Joseph A. Foran High School and authorize the Superintendent to apply for State reimbursement from the State of Connecticut Department of Administrative Services – Office of School Construction Grants and Review. Mrs. Ratner seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

III. SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION REPORT

Mr. Richetelli provided the Board with the annual transportation report for regular education students. The report includes bus runs, bus stops, bus and fuel costs, etc. The District is currently transporting 3,980.

Mr. Richetelli answered questions from the Board.

Electric School Bus Presentation

Durham Bus Services Senior Director of Electric Vehicles, Nick Voisard, provided the Board an introduction/overview of electric buses. He noted that Durham has set their own 2035 timeline to phase out diesel buses. Mr. Voisard spoke about the pros and cons. Challenges include the current high cost of an electric bus and its sustainability, and the infrastructure needed for charging and maintenance.

Dr. Cutaia cautioned the Board that going electric is a big undertaking that will require careful and extensive long-term planning and time and will likely increase the transportation budget. The district will need to have a bigger conversation with the city and state before moving forward. She agreed with Mr. Voisard's suggestion of a pilot if it was at no cost to the district.

A Board discussion ensued.

IV. BOARD POLICIES FOR A FIRST READING

Mr. Richetelli reviewed the Board Policy 4212.42 "Drug and Alcohol Testing for School Bus Drivers" with the Board. School districts are required by the Connecticut State Department of Education to have a policy in place.

Dr. Cutaia reviewed two Board policies that need to be updated to be compliant with new legislation. Those policies are: 5141.4 Reporting of Child Abuse, Neglect and Sexual Assault and, 5145.511 Sexual Abuse Prevention and Education Program.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

Dr. Cutaia asked for a moment of privilege to recognize Mrs. Ratner for her constant advocacy for Milford's children.

Mrs. Ratner thanked Dr. Cutaia and the Board for their kind words.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Fowler made a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Ratner seconded. Seeing no objections, Mrs. Petroske adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Recording Secretary: _____
Mrs. Pam Griffin

Corresponding Secretary: _____
Mr. Andrew Fowler