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Milford Board of Education

Business Meeting and Live Streamed on YouTube

Meeting Minutes

September 11, 2023

Board members present:

Adam De Young
Katherine Alling
Meghan Doyle
Andrew Fowler
Susan Glennon (Board Chair)
Tracey Irby
Emily McDonough Souza (Virtual)
Gary Peluchette
Una Petroske
Cindy Wolfe Boynton

Administration present:

Dr. Anna Cutaia
Steven Autieri
Sean Brennan
Louis Giancola
Wendy Kopazna
Jennifer Stewart

I. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Glennon called the board meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. in Parsons's Board of Education room. Ms. Glennon asked for a moment of silence to remember and reflect on those lost and affected by the events of September 11, 2001. By a roll call, ten (10) Board members were present.

II. STUDENT REPORTS

Ike Opayemi and Liam Valvo updated the Board on the activities at Jonathan Law. Jocelyn Gonzalez and Julian Sevillano updated the Board on activities at Foran.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

IV. CHAIR'S REPORT

Ms. Glennon called for liaison reports.

Mr. Fowler provided an update for the Permanent Schools Facilities Committee on work being done at Pumpkin.

V. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Cutaia asked to rearrange her report, moving the policy discussion before the back to school report.

Instructional Highlight: High School Reassessment

Mr. Autieri began with the reasoning for the reassessment regulation. The regulation is aligned specifically to Goal #1 Scholarship; "Learners will comprehend, organize and analyze information in order to solve problems,

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articulate solutions and continually challenge themselves”. It sets the groundwork for school and life by setting, monitoring, and adapting goals when students are not successful with an assessment the first time. He also shared how the reassessment regulation will reduce anxiety and enable teachers to measure students’ level of proficiency, emphasizing that all students do not learn at the same rate that they are taught.

Mr. Darcy and Mr. Berkowitz provided background on the work of the committee that influenced the decision as well as the protocols for retaking an assessment. Student learning and growth are the focus, hence helping them to be successful in the real world. The district will use this year to pilot and refine the regulation.

Board members asked questions and offered comments.

Board Policies for a Second Reading

Dr. Cutaia presented two policies for the Board’s approval. The policies were reviewed and discussed at the August 28th Board meeting and are ready for approval.

Mrs. Petroske made a motion that the Milford Board of Education approve Board policy 6145.2 Extra-Curricular Activities as presented. Mr. Fowler seconded. By a roll call, the motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Petroske made a motion that the Milford Board of Education approve Board policy 6153 Field Trips as presented. Mr. Fowler seconded. By a roll call, the motion passed unanimously.

Back to School Report

Dr. Cutaia shared highlights of the work of the Food Service, Maintenance, Facilities, Transportation and the Talent Management and Development departments. She offered her gratitude to another successful opening of schools.

Talent Management and Development Report

Ms. Kopazna presented the Talent Management and Development Report for August. The report included personnel changes, job postings, retirements, resignations/terminations, and stipend appointments. Forty-nine new staff new teachers have been hired to fill vacancies.

Disbursements Report

Mr. Brennan presented the Disbursement Report for August and answered questions from the Board.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Petroske made a motion that the Milford Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda Item:

Consideration of Minutes:

August 28, 2023, Business Meeting

Mr. Fowler seconded the motion. By a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

VII. BOARD COMMENT

Mr. Peluchette commented on the successful Convocation which he attended. He noted how much he enjoyed the Law Choir performance. Ms. Doyle attended a Law football game and commented on how good the new track looks. Ms. Glennon also attended Convocation and offered comments on behalf of the Board. She also wished Ms. McDonough-Souza good luck with the upcoming arrival of her twins and thanked her for her service to MPS.

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VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Petroske made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Fowler seconded. Seeing no objections, Ms. Glennon adjourned the meeting at 8:37 p.m.

Recording Secretary: _____
Mrs. Pam Griffin

Corresponding Secretary: _____
Mrs. Una Petroske