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Milford Board of Education

Committee of the Whole Meeting and Live Streamed on YouTube

Meeting Minutes

October 23, 2023

Board members present:

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

Administration present:

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

Board members absent:

Emily McDonough Souza (maternity
leave-excused)

I. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Glennon called the board meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. in the Jonathan Law High School Auditorium. By a roll call, nine (9) Board members were present.

II. MPS FACILITIES UTILIZATION STUDY & ENROLLMENT PROJECTION UPDATE

Dr. Cutaia told the Board the Facility Utilization Study and Enrollment Projection Update will be presented tonight. The purpose of the study is to provide an analysis of the future enrollment of Milford Public Schools and the current use of our buildings to help inform future planning and programming for our students over the next 10 years. This information, along with the information gathered from the community conversations, Milford Measures, the performance of students, feedback from staff members, etc, will help us move forward as we discuss what we want for our students' learning experiences. Tonight's discussion is the beginning of a bigger discussion on programming, resources and buildings that should consider the demands of the future workplace, our current offerings and what is needed for students to be prepared to enter the workforce. Her hope is that we will take the opportunity to have these conversations outside of the budget cycle.

She turned the meeting over to Mr. Mike Zuba of SLAM Collaborative.

Mr. Zuba narrated the presentation on the Facility Utilization Study and Enrollment Projections. Included were enrollment projections, capacity process overview, elementary, middle and high school capacity and utilization. The presentation is on file.

Following the presentation, Mr. Zuba answered questions from the Board.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

Erin Pinsince – 27 Cedar Hill Road - Ms. Pinsince congratulated the Board for doing the study. She thanked the Board for hearing community input. It bodes well for the future of Milford Public Schools.

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Emmeline Harrigan - Ms. Harrigan thanked the Board for doing the work. It seems clear that although we have space in some schools, with the population changing, it doesn't seem to her there is an overwhelming need to lose schools. She feels MPS is the right size for what we want to offer. Her children have had an amazing experience in MPS. She wants the board to continue the discussion of programming needs.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Petroske made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Fowler seconded. Seeing no objections, Ms. Glennon adjourned the meeting at 8:42 p.m.

Recording Secretary: _____
Mrs. Pam Griffin

Corresponding Secretary: _____
Mrs. Una Petroske