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Milford Board of Education

Business Meeting and Live Streamed on YouTube

Meeting Minutes

February 12, 2024

Board members present:

Meghan Doyle
Scott Firmender
Susan Glennon (Board Chair)
Tracey Irby
Thomas Koba
Una Petroske
Christina Prete
Michael Smith

Administration present:

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

Board members absent:

Loren Mahler (excused)
Cindy Wolfe-Boynton (excused)

I. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Glennon called the board meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Board of Education room at Parsons. By a roll call, eight (8) Board members were present.

II. STUDENT REPORTS

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

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

IV. CHAIR'S REPORT

Ms. Glennon shared that the Board of Finance (BOF) public hearing will be held on February 15th, the Board's budget will be presented to the BOF on February 28th. The BOF will hold its Technical Discussion on March 5th. The BOF will vote on the budget on March 20th.

Mr. Smith updated the Board on the recent Lunch and Learn meeting he attended at ACES.

V. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Instructional Highlight - High School: Showcasing Student Success

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Mr. Autieri and secondary educators shared a presentation that showcased student successes and the work the district is doing to assist students in achieving success. Student success is not measured only by standard assessments. Over the past two years, the district has engaged and developed “Milford Measures,” a platform with varied measures that help determine student performance/achievement. Milford Measures is aligned to High-Quality Instruction, the Vision of the Learner, and the MPS Curriculum Vision statement and uses real-life experiences to measure success. Some examples are: in the area of fine arts, there are student concerts, art shows, and exhibitions. Career clusters and college pathways in which some students engage in internships. Post secondary plans, including students entering the workforce with certifications, entering the services, or enrolling in 2 and 4-year colleges.

Students shared their experiences in programs that were offered through the district. The presentation is on file.

MPS Facilities Utilization Study Review

Dr. Cutaia explained to the Board a Facilities Utilization Study had been conducted last year (2023), with the results presented to the Board at its October committee of the whole meeting. The purpose of the study is to analyze building space utilization and future enrollment to inform planning and programming for students over the next 10 years. Because there are five new members on the Board, it was recommended that the consultant share an overview of the presentation that was presented.

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, and elementary, middle, and high school capacity and utilization. The presentation is on file.

Mr. Zuba answered questions from the Board.

Athletic Program Annual Financial Report

Mr. Brennan presented the athletic program financial report for the 2022-23 fiscal year. Milford currently runs 24 CIAC sanctioned sports and Girls Hockey which the CIAC does not sanction. He provided a breakdown of the expenditures by sport and noted the funds are split between the general funds account and the athletic activities account. The general funds are a part of the Board of Education budget. Ticket sales and athletic events generate the funds in the athletic activities account.

Disbursement Report

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

Talent Management and Development Department

Ms. Kopazna presented the TMD Report for January and answered questions from the Board. Included in the report were the personnel changes, job postings, retirements, resignations, and terminations.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Mrs. Petroske made a motion that the Milford Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda Items: Consideration of Minutes: January 8, 2024, Business Meeting; January 10, 2024, Special Meeting, January 11, 2024, Special Meeting, and January 17, 2024, Special Meeting. Mr. Firmender seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

VII. BOARD COMMENT

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None.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Petroske made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Firmender seconded. Seeing no objections, Ms. Glennon adjourned the meeting at 9:36 p.m.

Corresponding Secretary: _____
Mrs. Una Petroske

Recording Secretary: _____
Mrs. Pam Griffin