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Milford Board of Education

Business Meeting Minutes
May 9, 2016

Board members present:

Michael DeGrego
Suzanne DiBiase
Jennifer Federico
Susan Glennon, Chair
Dr. Jess Gregory
Walter Hagedorn
Tom Jagodzinski
Susan Krushinsky
Earl Whiskeyman

Administration present:

Dr. Elizabeth Feser
Jeffrey Burt
James Richetelli
Wendy Kopazna

Board members absent:

Claire Casey

I. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Glennon called the business meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance. Mrs. Casey was not in attendance due to a conflict.

II. STUDENT/STAFF RECOGNITION

Dr. Feser introduced the incoming Board liaisons for the 2016-17 school year. They are: Jillian Bendlak and Tyler Chavez for Jonathan Law and, Julia Astram and Pierce Klein for Foran. She then thanked the outgoing liaisons who will be graduating in June and going onto college. Those recognized were: David Patrick and Emily Carroll from Jonathan Law and, Lindsey Carlson and Joseph Bartone from Foran. David and Joseph were not in attendance as they were competing against one another in a Foran/Law lacrosse game.

The next group to be recognized was the CAFE Student Leaders. Ten students were selected for exhibiting leadership qualities defined by CAFE. Those recognized were: Alexander Conte and Natalie Goncalves from East Shore; Zoe O'Neil and Finnian Sawitsky from Harborside; Samantha Papcun and Cameron Neely from West Shore; Amita Sastry and Jaret Petrie from Jonathan Law and, Kayleigh Paskiewicz and Thomas (TJ) Stuart from Joseph A. Foran.

Dr. Feser and the Board congratulated all of the recipients.

III. STUDENTS REPORTS

Emily Carroll and the 2016-17 Board liaisons, Jillian Bendlak and Tyler Chavez presented the student report for Jonathan Law. Lindsey Carlson and the 2016-17 Board liaisons, Julia Astram and Pierce Klein presented the student report for Joseph A. Foran.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

V. CHAIR'S REPORT

Ms. Glennon read a Teachers Proclamation to honor the Milford teachers. Teachers Week was May 2-6, 2016.

Ms. Glennon reminded the Board about the many upcoming events. Earl Whiskeyman has volunteered to serve on the MEA Negotiations Committee. One more volunteer is needed.

Ms. Glennon called for the liaison reports.

Mrs. Federico updated the Board on the Permanent Schools Facilities Building Committee meeting of May 4th. East Shore commissioning is complete. The design project for West Shore has been approved. Abatement work at Jonathan Law is to begin on June 13. Roof replacements at Pumpkin Delight, Orchard Hills, Mathewson, Calf Pen and Harborside will be done over the summer.

VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

W.A.V.E. Program Presentation

West Shore teacher Mary Edo was introduced. She explained West Shore Achieves Visionary Education (W.A.V.E.) is funded by a state grant that supports afterschool programs. She worked with Bridges eight years ago to apply for the grant, which must be applied for every two years. The grant supports the well-being of children by keeping them in a safe environment. The program runs from 2:35-5:30 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. The program has a set structure which allows time for snack, homework, one hour rotations of enrichment and physical fitness. The majority of staff is certified teachers and are available to offer extra academic support.

Students from the program were on hand to offer comments on what they liked most about the program. Mrs. Edo shared a video that provided highlights and the happenings of the program.

Mrs. Glennon thanked Mrs. Edo and the students for the presentation.

District Priorities and Goals 2016-2020

Dr. Feser presented the District Priorities and Goals 2016-2020 to the Board as a second reading. She noted the changes requested by the Board at the April 25, 2016 meeting: that Goals #3 a. and b. be extended through grade 12. The changes to Goal #3 a. and b. are noted below.

Goal #3a: All students will be able to analyze grade level texts and construct viable arguments by the end of 12th grade (8-12).

Goal #3b: All students will be able to solve complex problems effectively through analyzing data, posing questions, and examining different solutions by the end of 12th grade (PK-12).

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Targets will be forthcoming. The Priorities and Goals have been shared with principals and teachers through a committee. This document will assist in the evaluation process.

After a brief discussion, Ms. Glennon called for a motion.

Ms. DiBiase made a motion that the Board approves the proposed Milford Public Schools District Priorities and Goals 2016-2020 as presented. Mrs. Federico seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Capital Improvement Plan – 2016-2021

Mr. Richetelli explained the purpose of the Capital Improvement Plan and its process. The plan is a five-year planning tool that targets capital needs for the schools, and has no funding commitment. Dollars noted are estimates. Mr. Richetelli explained that capital projects costing \$100,000 or more typically go on the Capital Improvement Plan. Projects costing under \$100,000 are typically included in the Board’s annual operating budget. Once the plan is approved by the Board of Education, the Mayor decides what he will include in his citywide plan. The Mayor’s plan is then presented to Planning and Zoning Board and then onto Board of Aldermen for their approval. The Mayor and the Board of Finance determine which projects are to be funded each year, then the Board of Alderman approves the bonding. Projects listed in the 2016-2021 CIP were in the plan last year. The only change is that they have moved up on the list. The West Shore addition/alteration/renovation/upgrades project has been moved to be the project with the highest priority. Once the bond authorization for construction has been obtained work will begin. The hope is to have a contractor on board by December 2016.

A Board discussion ensued. The Board requested some additional information.

What is the difference between “Boiler Replacement/HVAC Improvements” and “Unit Ventilators”?
Please provide a breakdown of the percentage of asbestos abatement completed in each building.
Please provide more specificity where the C.I.P. refers to “Various Schools.”

Ms. Glennon asked for a motion.

Ms. DiBiase made a motion that the Board of Education approves the 2016-2021 Capital Improvement Plan and forward the plan to the Mayor for consideration and funding. Mrs. Federico seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Human Resources Report

Mrs. Kopazna reported on the human resources activity for April. She noted 16 retirements have been submitted to date.

Ms. Glennon called for a motion on the consent agenda items.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Ms. DiBiase made a motion that the Milford Board of Education approves the Consent Agenda Items 1 & 2

2. Disbursement Report

3. Consideration of Minutes

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Mrs. Federico seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. BOARD COMMENT

Dr. Gregory would like an update on the self-contained classrooms move.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, Ms. Glennon asked for a motion to adjourn.

Ms. DiBiase made a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Federico seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Recording Secretary: _____
Mrs. Pam Griffin

Corresponding Secretary: _____
Ms. Suzanne DiBiase