

Minutes of the School Committee
Regular Meeting
Milton High School Cable Access Studio
Date: June 14th, 2017

Committee Present: Dr. Kevin Donahue, Chair, Sheila Varela, Vice Chair, Margaret Eberhardt, Dr. Elaine Craghead, Ada Rosmarin, Betty White.

Staff Present: Mary Gormley, Superintendent of Schools; Glenn Pavlicek, Assistant Superintendent for Business, Janet Sheehan, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Human Resources.

Call to Order:

The Chair called the June 14th, 2017 meeting of the School Committee to order at 7:03 pm. Dr. Donahue asked for a moment of silence for Ms. Mulvey, a MHS teacher who recently passed away. He then granted access Milton access TV to record and broadcast this meeting.

Approve Agenda: The committee approved the agenda after adding Item C under the Chair's Report (Discussion of Transportation bid and vote) and struck B under finance subcommittee (approval of vendor warrants)

Citizen Speak (Policy BEDH – 15 minutes) Ms. Kristen Bagley Jones came to announce an upcoming golf tournament on July 21st in memory of her son, Evan Jones.

Superintendent's Report

Topic One: Pierce Middle School - State Science Fair. Christie Chiappetta, Science Curriculum Coordinator introduced three Pierce students who placed at the State Science fair recently. The students described their projects to the School Committee and were congratulated for their hard work.

Topic Two: Milton High School Debate Team. Kacy Dotoli, Dana DePaul came to the meeting with two Milton High School students who just returned from Louisville, Kentucky to compete at a national debate tournament. The students spoke about their experience at the competition. The topic at the tournament was national security and the publication of classified documents. School Committee members congratulated the students and the coaches for their accomplishment.

Topic Three: Milton High School Future Business Leader. Milton Public Schools Technology teacher and FBLA Advisor AJ Melanson and the students who qualified for Nationals came to speak about their upcoming competition in California. Mr. Melanson noted that when the FBLA first began at MHS, there were only seven students and now there are 52. The students talked about what category they will be competing in. Mr. Melanson discussed how he "recruited" many of these students, and how he is pleased that more female students have joined this club. School Committee members congratulated the students and Mr. Melanson and wished them good luck in Anaheim.

Topic Four: Milton Summer Enrichment Program. Directors, Bernadette Butler and Catherine DesRoche came to speak about the upcoming MSE program, which begins at the end of June. They spoke about the new traffic patterns, some of the new courses being offered. Ms. Moonan described Camp Invention. School Committee members commended Ms. Moonan and Ms. DesRoche for their hard work in planning the summer program.

Topic Five: Health and Wellness Presentation (Attachment). Noel Vigue, Director of Physical Education and Health came to speak about physical education and health education. He reviewed the health curriculum in Milton Public Schools and about the benefits of physical education. To view this presentation, visit this site:

<http://www.miltonps.org/documents/MPSHealthPESchoolCommittee2017.pdf> School Committee members thanked Mr. Vigue for his work and spoke about the upcoming year. Ms. Varela suggested that Mr. Vigue present this information on the effect of physical education on the brain as part of a speaker series, in conjunction with the drug and alcohol education.

Happenings: Ms. Gormley said that this week's upcoming events would be included in the E-Blasts.

Chair's Report

Topic One: Summer Schedule/Retreat. Dr. Donahue said Mr. Koocher will be available for the retreat on July 26th at 2:30pm. He asked School Committee members to prepare their goals for the retreat. He asked members to consider how the state distributes educational funding and how Milton could benefit from the overhaul.

Topic Two: Override Comments. Dr. Donahue spoke about the upcoming override. He thanked the School Committee members who are spearheading the "Yes Vote," organization. He spoke about the excellence of the district and how it may be jeopardized if the override does not pass. He also spoke about property values and the correlation to the success of the Milton Public Schools.

Topic Three: Discussion of Transportation Bid (Vote). Dr. Pavlicek spoke about the memo which outlines the RFP regarding bus transportation. Every three years, the bus contract goes out to bid. Only once company bid this year, as has occurred the past three years. \$660,000 has been the price for the last three years. The upcoming would be \$707,000 for the same number of buses. Six percent increase. This will be a challenge, but it is manageable. He recommended we accept the bid. Dr. Donahue moved to accept the bid.

Move: Dr. Donahue

Second: Ms. White

Discussion: Dr. Craghead asked why there is only one bidder. Dr. Pavlicek said part of it is geography. Quincy and Boston both own their own buses. We need someone with a nearby bus yard. Ms. Varela wondered if there is anything to be done to attract other bidders or if there is any recourse with state or federal agencies to prevent a monopoly for transportation companies. Mr. Pavlicek said that special education transportation is exempt from 30b, but regular education

is not. Ms. Gormley noted that Sharon Public Schools recently purchased their own buses. Ms. Rosmarin asked if there was a regional solution and members discussed what other options might exist.

Vote: 6-0-0

Finance Subcommittee Report

Topic One: Progress on End of Year Closing. Dr. Pavlicek reported that the last major payroll is next Thursday and is on schedule, despite working with a new payroll software system. All other end of year closing tasks are running according to schedule.

Facilities Subcommittee Report

Dr. Donahue said the committee reviewed the 20-year maintenance plan and there were no surprises. Regarding space needs, Dr. Donahue said we are very near capacity in our buildings regarding classrooms, especially at the elementary level. Dr. Pavlicek listed the members of the Facilities Subcommittee.

Dr. Donahue said they are still looking for a School Committee representative to the town's Capital Committee.

Next Meeting Agenda Items

Ms. Eberhardt noted there will be some Policy issues to added to the agenda. Ms. Gormley noted that Ms. Stillman would like to report out.

Dr. Donahue moved to adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of negotiation with non union personnel and with AFSCME, the discussion of which in Open Session could be detrimental to bargaining position, as well as for Approval of Minutes. Not to return to Open Session.

Move: Dr. Donahue

Second: Ms. Varela

Roll Call Vote: 6-0-0

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25pm.

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