

**Milton School Committee
Open Hearing for School Choice
Milton High School Library
May 18, 2010**

Committee Present: Lynda-Lee Sheridan, Chair, Glenn Pavlicek, Vice Chair, Chris Huban, Mary Kelly, Kristan Bagley-Jones and Denis Keohane

Staff Present: Mary Gormley, Superintendent, John Phelan, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Personnel, Matthew Gillis, School Business Administrator

Open hearing called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Mrs. Sheridan stated that this was an open hearing on school choice for the Milton Public Schools. Voting on school choice is an annual procedure for the Milton School Committee; Milton is not currently a school choice district. Mrs. Sheridan asked the audience if anyone wished to speak regarding school choice; no one came forward.

Ms. Gormley added that each year school committees consider whether or not their district should be in the school choice program during the upcoming school year. Without a specific “no” vote, the system becomes a choice district. It was the recommendation of the Superintendent that Milton not become a school choice district for the 2010-2011 school year.

Mr. Huban stated that he has consistently been in favor of school choice. Mr. Huban asked Ms. Gormley if there were any updates on the study of school choice. Ms. Gormley suggested forming a committee to study all the options for school choice to determine the pros and cons of being a choice district. This committee could make a recommendation to the School Committee in January, 2011 for the 2011-2012 school year.

Motion was made to not accept school choice for the Milton Public School district for the FY11 school year.

Move: C. Huban
Second: G. Pavlicek
Vote: 6-0-0

The open hearing was closed and the regular School Committee meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m.