

Minutes of the School Committee
Regular Meeting
Milton High School Cable Access Studio
Date: August 24th, 2016

Committee Present: Leroy Walker, Chair; Kevin Donahue, Vice Chair; Sheila Varela, Elaine Craghead.

Not Present: Kristen Bagley Jones and Margaret Eberhardt.

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

Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting of the School Committee to order at 7:01pm

Approve Agenda

The committee approved the agenda after removing Item 4a (Personnel Updates); Item 5a (New Positions); Item 6a (FY16 4th Quarter Report); and adding an item under Chair's Report (School Committee Calendar)

Superintendent's ReportTopic One: School Handbooks. Ms. Gormley noted that each school has updated and revised their handbook for School Committee approval. Mr. Walker made an omnibus motion to approve all six handbooks.

Move: Mr. Walker

Second: Dr. Donahue

Vote: 4-0-0

Happenings: Ms. Gormley talked about the Milton Public Schools mentoring program and noted that Curry College hosted a luncheon for all participants. The district recently held the new teacher's meeting. Parents and guardians should note that applications for free and reduced lunch are available on the MPS homepage. She also recognized the Milton Women's Club for funding all the Little Free Libraries at each school.

Chair's Report

Mr. Walker thanked everyone for their work on the School Committee retreat earlier this week. Ms. Varela thanked Mr. Walker for bringing in Glenn Koocher, the facilitator from MASC. Mr. Walker noted that, in the green folder is a revised School Committee calendar. He asked if the committee would consider moving a meeting to Oct 12 or Oct 26th. It was moved to have the meeting on Oct 26th.

Move: Mr. Walker

Second: Dr. Donahue

Vote: 4-0-0

Finance Subcommittee:

Topic One: Approval of Vendor Warrants. Mr. Walker moved approval of Warrant #7 dated August 11 in the amount of \$182,291.52.

Move: Mr. Walker

Second: Ms. Varela

Vote: 4-0-0

Mr. Walker deferred Warrant #9 to the next meeting.

Policy Subcommittee:

Topic One: Second Reading of Policy FFA, Commemoration Policy (Attachment) (Vote) Dr. Donahue noted the "red-penned" copy with some of the edits incorporated. Dr. Craghead asked, under "Section D, if an exception could be made for Jewish families, since there may not be a chance to erect a memorial before the funeral. Ms. Varela suggested there be a four-day window. Dr. Donahue said he was open to adding one or two days. Mr. Walker suggested the following friendly amendment. "In instances of religious or other circumstances where the funeral may need to occur more immediately, the Chair or Superintendent could make exceptions to this policy." With that amendment, the Chair moved to approve the policy.

Move: Mr. Walker

Second: Ms. Varela

Vote: 4-0-0

Topic Two: Second Reading, Policy LBCA, Relations with Non-Public Schools (Attachment) (Vote) Dr. Donahue noted that there were two issues: Whether the School Committee can limit the number of times a specific school could come for approval. Also, there is additional language to discuss the relationship after approval. It was legal counsel's opinion that there can be no limit on the number of times a school could apply. Dr. Donahue moved to approve Policy LBCA.

Move: Dr. Donahue

Second: Mr. Walker

Discussion: Dr. Craghead asked if we can limit the time frame in which a specific school could apply for approval or re-approval.

Vote: 4-0-0

Dr. Donahue moved to invoke the expedited policy approval process. The Chair asked for Superintendent approval and she approved. The Chair moved to expedite approval.

Move: Mr. Walker

Second: Dr. Donahue

Vote: 4-0-0

Topic Three: Dr. Donahue talked about the edits to Policy IHAMA to accommodate the opiate prevention laws recently passed. Original, edited and clean copies are in the packets. Mr. Walker moved approval.

Move: Mr. Walker

Second: Ms. Varela

Vote: 4-0-0

Topic Four: Policy GBEC, Drug Free Workplace Policy GBEC. Dr. Donahue moved to approve this policy with minimal edits.

Move: Dr. Donahue

Second: Mr. Walker

Vote: 4-0-0

Topic Five: First and Second Alcohol, Tobacco and Drug Use by Students Prohibited. Policy JICH

Move: Dr. Donahue

Second: Ms. Varela

Discussion: Mr. Walker said he knows of a situation where a student in another district had a prescription for medical marijuana and asked how would the MPS treat this situation? Dr. Donahue noted that since this drug is legal in Massachusetts, this would fall under the medication administration policy. We are currently working on this policy. Dr. Donahue suggested a new third paragraph to read, "use of prescribed, controlled substances, from a licensed physician, shall be in accordance with the medical administration policy (JLCCA-R) With that edit, Dr. Donahue moved to approve the policy.

Vote: 4-0-0

Dr. Craghead said one meeting conflicts with the start date for the MASC Hyannis Conference that three members are attending.

The Chair moved to change the November 2nd meeting to November 9th.

Move: Mr. Walker

Second: Dr. Craghead

Vote: 4-0-0

The Chair entertained a motion to adjourn.

Move: Dr. Donahue

Second: Ms. Varela

Roll Call Vote: 4-0-0

The meeting adjourned at 7:49pm