

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE MILTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE
AND THE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE
OF THE MILTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE

April 23, 2014

Upon notice duly given, a meeting of the Milton School Committee (the “School Committee”) was held on April 23, 2015, in the Superintendent’s Conference Room at Milton High School. In attendance were Leroy Walker, Chair of the School Committee; Mary Kelly, Becky Padera, and Michael Zullas, Members of the School Committee; Mary Gormley, Superintendent of Schools; Janet Sheehan, Assistant Superintendent of Schools for Curriculum and Human Resources; and Larry Rooney, Milton High School Athletic Director. Mr. Walker acted as Chair and Mr. Zullas acted as Secretary for the meeting. The members of the Committee present during the meeting constituted a quorum for the transaction of business. The meeting agenda and votes of the School Committee at the meeting are attached to these minutes.

Mr. Walker called the meeting to order at approximately 7:04 a.m.

Mr. Rooney presented a proposal for designating swimming as a varsity sport. Mr. Rooney stated that the program had been a club sport for the previous three years and had seen its number grow from fourteen to twenty-seven. He stated that, based on financial projections, the swim program could be a self-sustaining varsity sport. Mr. Rooney described the advantages of designating swimming as a varsity sport, including: Milton High School could compete in the Bay State Conference in swimming, the swimmers could qualify for post-season competition, it would build comradery and help children become student athletes. He stated that the team was comprised of 19 girls and 8 boys and that it was 18% non-white.

Ms. Kelly noted the deficit in the Athletic Revolving Fund stated that it resulted in pulling funds from the operational budget for athletics. She stated that adding another varsity sport would result in more funds being pulled from the operational budget for athletics. Ms. Kelly stated that the \$400 fee for participation was too high and that the schools would have to solve the athletic funding deficit before adding another varsity sport.

Ms. Padera stated that because the program was self-sustaining financially it would not increase costs, and that it would increase athletic opportunities. She stated that the \$400 fee was less than alternative swimming opportunities.

Ms. Kelly stated that including fundraising as part of the budget was problematic and inquired further about the fee.

Ms. Padera stated that the fee included the facility cost, just as with hockey.

Mr. Walker inquired about the District's liability insurance coverage for catastrophic injuries suffered in athletics, and whether adding swimming as a varsity sport as opposed to a club sport would increase the District's liability.

Mr. Rooney stated that he would look into that.

Ms. Kelly asked whether trainers would be on duty during practices; Mr. Rooney stated that they would not.

Mr. Walker stated that he wanted to hear the Superintendent's recommendation at some point.

Ms. Padera left the meeting and the meeting continued as a meeting of the Finance Subcommittee.

Dr. Pavlicek described the fees collected and stipends and expenses for District-wide clubs and activities.

Mr. Walker noted a problem collecting fees at the high school and wanted to know what percentage of fees were collected from students who should have paid a fee.

Ms. Kelly stated that if not enough fees are collected for a club, it should not be run.

Ms. Kelly asked for an update on applied music lessons. The Committee and Dr. Pavlicek discussed how payments are made. Dr. Pavlicek stated that the parents/guardians pay the instructors directly and pay a registration/security fee to the schools.

Ms. Kelly stated that some towns, including Belmont and Newton, collect the instructors' fees and pay the instructors and that Milton should do that.

Ms. Kelly left the meeting.

Dr. Pavlicek reported on full-day kindergarten enrollment and stated that it appeared that the District would be returning 15 classes after having had 16 classes last year.

Dr. Pavlicek described the third quarter report and discussion ensued.

Mr. Walker presented a motion for approval of the third quarter report. After discussion, the Subcommittee approved the motion by a vote of 2 - 0.

The Committee deferred a discussion of the Copeland Family Foundation donation and the Town Meeting presentation.

There being no further matters to come before the Committee, Mr. Walker presented a motion to adjourn the meeting. After discussion and upon motion duly made and seconded, the Committee approved the motion by unanimous vote and the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:53 a.m.

A TRUE RECORD.

ATTEST: _____
Michael F. Zullas
Secretary

Finance Subcommittee Meeting with
Full School Committee
April 23, 2015
7:00AM
Agenda

The listing of matters are those reasonably anticipated by the Chair which may be discussed at the meeting. Not all items listed may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law.

1. Milton High School Swim Team Proposal (Attachment), Becky Padera and Larry Rooney
2. District-Wide Clubs and Activities (Attachment), Dr. Glenn Pavlicek
3. Applied Music Lessons (After School Music Lessons)
4. FY16 FDK Enrollment/possible additional class (Attachment)
5. Third Quarter Report (Attachment) (Vote), Dr. Glenn Pavlicek
6. Copeland Family Foundation Donation (Vote)
7. Town Meeting Presentation
8. Approval of Finance Subcommittee Minutes (Attachments)
 - a. June 10, 2014
 - b. June 17, 2014
 - c. March 24, 2015
 - d. March 31, 2015
 - e. April 14, 2015
 - f. April 21, 2015
9. Approval of School Committee Minutes (Attachments)
 - a. November 25, 2015
 - b. March 18, 2015
 - b. April 1, 2015
 - c. April 15, 2015

**VOTES OF THE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE
OF THE MILTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

Voted at a meeting of the Finance Subcommittee (the “Subcommittee”) of the Milton School Committee (the “School Committee”) held on April 23, 2015.:

Approval of Third Quarter Report

VOTED, that the Third Quarter Financial Report, be, and it hereby is, adopted and approved.