

Minutes of the School Committee
Regular Meeting
Milton High Library
June 19, 2012

Committee Present: Glenn Pavlicek, Chair; Lynda-Lee Sheridan, Vice Chair; Mary Kelly, Kristan Bagley-Jones, Leroy Walker

Not Present:

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

Call to Order

The Chair called the June 19, 2012 meeting of the School Committee to order at 7:15 pm.

Approve Agenda

The Chairman moved to add Summer Meeting Dates to the agenda. The committee then approved the agenda of June 19, 2012.

Citizens Speak

No one came forward for Citizen Speak

Chairman's Report

Topic One: Discussion and Vote for Interim Milton School Committee Member. The Chairman explained that the final appointment must be confirmed by a roll call vote of the joint committees of School Committee and Board of Selectmen. He asked for suggestions on ways to proceed, then entertained a motion to bring forward each member's top three candidates and go from there. Ms. Sheridan requested that each member discuss their rationale for choosing their top three candidates.

Mr. Pavlicek said his principle concern is the "learning curve" for the position. He said he is looking for someone to get up to speed more quickly. Ms. Sheridan agreed, and added she would like to see a candidate with either PTO experience or an outside skill set that would be beneficial to the committee. Ms. Bagley Jones had five criteria for her candidate: experience in education; a K-12 perspective; ability to see both sides of French Immersion topic; history of volunteering in the schools; no employment ties to MPS. Ms. Kelly noted that although she was not at the meeting for the candidate interviews, she watched a recording at home. She said adding an elementary parent to the committee was an important point. She thought it was less important to have educational experience, and said it is her hope that anyone appointed would expend the energy to get "up to speed" quickly. Mr. Walker noted that there was reasonable consensus on the criteria. He listed his five: to be a participating member of the team; to have some experience in the educational field; a record of involvement with/commitment to the schools; some budget/fiscal experience; experience with school

budgets. Ms. Kelly asked if there could be a policy drafted asking that anyone on the School Committee who wants to run for town government should immediately resign, since the process of filling the empty seat has been a distraction. The Chairman noted that you cannot require an elected official to resign and that it is legal to serve on two boards at once. He suggested this topic be discussed further at another time. After some discussion of the criteria, the committee took turns naming their preferred unranked four candidates. Mr. Walker named Padera, Sullivan, Kasuba and Zullas. Ms. Sheridan named Karimbakas, Kasuba, Padera and Varela. Mr. Pavlicek named Zullas, Padera, Varela and Karimbakas. Ms. Kelly named Karimbakas, Sullivan, Renz and Zullas. Ms. Bagley Jones named Varela, Sullivan, Padera and Karimbakas. Members then tallied the votes:

Karimbakas:	4
Kasuba:	2
Padera:	4
Renz	1
Sullivan	3
Varela	3
Zullas	3

After some discussion about which candidates should become “finalists.” Mr. Walker moved to put forward the two names with four votes each.

Move: Mr. Walker

Second: Ms. Sheridan

There was further discussion about whether the final pool should include those with 3 and 4 votes, or only those with 4. Mr. Walker said there are two candidates with clear consensus. He moved to only consider those with four votes.

Vote: Ms. Kelly and Ms. Bagley Jones voted No. Ms. Sheridan and Mr. Walker voted yes. The Chairman cast the final vote in favor. 3-2-0 The motion carried.

Next, the Chairman discussed whether to bring both candidates’ names forward to the Board of Selectmen, or only one. It was decided that one name would be best. There was an open discussion about each candidate’s strengths.

Ms. Kelly moved to recommend Mr. Karimbakas.

Move: Ms. Kelly

Second: Ms. Sheridan

As part of the discussion, members talked about their preferences. Mr. Walker said he thought Ms. Padera was a stronger candidate. Ms. Sheridan said she was leaning towards Ms. Padera. Ms. Bagley Jones said Ms. Padera had the professional and volunteer experience in the school. Mr. Pavlicek also said he was leaning towards Ms. Padera.

Ms. Kelly then withdrew the motion to recommend Mr. Karimbakas, given the comments of the committee.

Mr. Walker moved to recommend Ms. Padera

Move: Mr. Walker
Second: Ms. Sheridan
Vote: 5-0

The committee approved Ms. Padera as the appointment for the open seat.

Topic Two: Summer Meeting Dates: There was no discussion of this at this meeting.

The chairman called for a brief recess at 7:55 pm

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Not Present:

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

Call to Order

The Chairman of the Board of Selectmen called the June 19, 2012 meeting to order at 8:10 pm.

Approve Agenda

The Chairman of the Board of Selectmen noted that the only business item for the night is to fill the vacancy on the School Committee by Roll Call Vote. The committee then approved the agenda of June 19, 2012.

Citizens Speak

No one came forward for Citizen Speak

Mr. Hurley noted that there was a recommendation that Becky Padera fill the seat on the School Committee. He congratulated the School Committee for having such a talented pool of candidates and for their selection. The selection process was then summarized for the two members of the Board of Selectmen who were not present during the School Committee meeting. Mr. Pavlicek made a motion to recommend Becky Padera to fill the vacant seat.

Move: Mr. Pavlicek

Second: Mr. Hurley

Mr. Sweeney took a moment to commend the School Committee on its work and noted that he supported the recommendation. Mr. Keohane also noted that he wholeheartedly agreed with the recommendation.

Roll Call Vote:

Ms. Kelly	yes
Ms. Bagley Jones	yes
Ms. Sheridan	yes
Mr. Walker	yes
Mr. Pavlcek	yes
Mr. Hurley	yes
Mr. Sweeney	yes
Mr. Keohane	yes

After the unanimous vote, Mr. Pavlcek offered to write a letter to the Town Clerk so that Ms. Padera could be sworn in. Ms. Sheridan suggested that each candidate be sent a letter thanking them for coming forward and encouraging them to stay involved. Mr. Pavlcek made a motion to adjourn.

Move: Mr. Pavlcek

Second: Mr. Hurley

Vote: unanimous

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm