

Minutes of the School Committee
Regular Meeting
Milton High Library
December 10, 2014

Committee Present: Leroy Walker, Chair; Michael Zullas, Vice Chair; members Lynda-Lee Sheridan (late) Mary Kelly and Becky Padera.

Not Present: Ms. Bagley Jones

Staff Present: Glenn Pavlicek, Assistant Superintendent for Business, Janet Sheehan, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Human Resources.

Call to Order: The Chair called the December 10th, 2014 meeting of the School Committee to order at 7:07pm.

Approve Agenda: The committee approved the agenda after removing three sets of meeting minutes and adding an item to the Chairman's Report (meeting request from WC)

Citizens Speak

No one came forward for Citizen Speak

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of School Committee Reorganization Meeting April 30, 2014

Move: Ms. Kelly

Second: Mr. Zullas

Edits: None

Vote: 4-0-0

Minutes of School Committee Meeting October 1, 2014

Move: Ms. Kelly

Second: Mr. Zullas

Edits: None

Vote: 4-0-0

Minutes of School Committee Meeting October 15, 2014

Move: Ms. Kelly

Second: Ms. Padera

Edits: Mr. Zullas would like the word "No vote" changed to "disapproval."

Vote: 4-0-0

Superintendent's Report

Topic One: First Reading, Milton High School Debate Team Field Trip (Attachment). Ms. Sheehan talked about the Debate Team tournament in Fairfax, Virginia. Approval would allow the students to compete at a national level. Four students would be attending with one chaperone (Ms. Dotoli) and a schedule of the field trip is included. The proposal explains the adult supervision, safety of students, etc. Detailed budget included. Communication plan and emergency plan included. Ms. Padera asked why only four students are going and Ms. Sheehan explained that only two teams (of

two students each) are allowed per school at this tournament. The chair entertained a motion to approve.

Move: Ms. Padera

Second: Mr. Zullas

Discussion: Ms. Kelly asked why the cost is not deducted from the Debate Team account. Ms. Sheehan said the funds are being provided by the MFE and an anonymous donor.

**** Note:** Ms. Sheridan arrived at 7:17pm.

Vote: 5-0-0

Topic Two: Kindergarten and First Grade Update (Attachment) Ms. Sheehan noted that the dates have been set for Registration and Info nights. There is a link on the district website. K Info night is Jan 27th. Also, K registration appointments will be Feb 10, 11 and 12th in MHS library. The district already has 100 families who have pre-registered. On Jan 9th, Grade One Info Night will be held. On Feb 13th, parents/guardians will get choice forms, and on Feb 27th, those choice forms must be returned to the schools.

Happenings: On Friday, Dec. 12th at 6:30, the Collicot PTO will hold movie night in the cafe. Polar Express. Also, Glover School is having 2 musicals -- on Friday the 12th and Saturday, Dec. 13th at 7pm, presenting "Squirm." and "Rock and Roll Forever." The Next School Committee meeting is Jan 7, 2015. This is also an early release day.

Chairman's Report

Topic One: Follow Up. The first discussion of budget with the Warrant Committee is on December 18th -- this is a presentation of the school budget.

Finance Subcommittee:

Topic One: Approval of Vendor Warrants. Dr. Pavlicek asked for approval of Warrant #24, dated Dec 11th, 2014 in the amount of \$292,785.08 Ms. Kelly moved to approve.

Move: Ms. Kelly

Second: Ms. Sheridan

Vote: 3-0-2 (Ms. Kelly and Mr. Zullas abstained.)

Topic Two: FY16 Budget (Attachment) (Vote)

Dr. Pavlicek outlined the budget. He noted one addition -- the Administration is recommending the addition of a .5 preschool coordinator to oversee not only the special needs preschool, but also the child care program here at MHS and the new program at Tucker. This request is in the amount of \$30,000 which is the equivalent of a .5 position. Tonight's request includes this amount. Ms. Sheridan asked where this appears, and Dr. Pavlicek said it would be under Instruction, but it should be under Special Ed. The current team chair and new coordinator would be responsible for all the communications around students who may have disabilities. Ms. Sheehan said this person would mostly be at the Collicot. Ms. Sheridan asked if this position could assist with teacher evaluation and Ms. Sheehan said it could not, as it is not a supervisory position. Ms. Kelly moved to approve the FY16 budget in amount of \$41,094,500.

Move: Ms. Kelly

Second: Ms. Sheridan

Vote: 5-0-0

Next Meeting Agenda Items

For the January meeting, Mr. Walker would like to address the gap between our budget request and the funding level. Mr. Zullas asked to add a report from the Policy Committee

The Chair entertained a motion to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Negotiation Strategy for Non-Union Personnel and to adjourn directly from Executive Session and not return to Open Session.

Move: Mr. Walker

Second: Ms. Kelly

Roll Call Vote: 5-0-0

The meeting adjourned at 7:34 pm