

Minutes of the School Committee
Regular Meeting
Milton High School Access Studio
Date: February 10th, 2016

Committee Present: Michael Zullas, Chair; Becky Padera, Vice Chair; Kristan Bagley-Jones, Leroy Walker, Sheila Varela, Kevin Donahue.

Student Reps: Grace Varela

Not Present:

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

Call to Order

The Chair called the February 10th meeting of the School Committee to order at 7:03 pm.

Approve Agenda

The committee approved the agenda after adding Item 5b (Schedule); and removing Item 6a (ii) Cut Reduction List; and removing Approval of Minutes under Executive Session.

Citizens Speak: No speakers

Superintendent's Report

Topic One: Food Service Audit (Attachment) Food Service Director Jackie Morgan delivered a report on a recent audit. She said this is a new, three day review. It was formerly a one day review. The audit was conducted by the Department of Education. Auditors went through the Free and Reduced Applications to ensure that each application was approved or denied. The concluded that all 176 applications were accurate. On the second day, they went to the Cunningham/Collicot kitchen, which serves 1230 students per day. All trays were in full compliance. There were a few issues raised during the audit, including an outdated application, a missing civil rights clause and a missing line in the publication of the Free/Reduced lunch application. Ms. Morgan said her Point of Sales system has been very successful. She discussed the training that her staff has undergone. Ms. Gormley commended Ms. Morgan for her work. Ms. Bagley Jones asked if every student was required to have a fruit/vegetable on their tray and Ms. Morgan said yes. Ms. Varela asked why there can be no greater than three months' balance and Ms. Morgan said it is a regulation. Mr. Zullas asked how we can keep prices low and still make money. Ms. Morgan said she and her staff use the government food wisely. She gave a pitch for school breakfast. Mr. Walker congratulated Ms. Morgan for her presentation.

Happenings: Ms. Gormley noted that a blast will go out tomorrow. She announced that the Robotics Tournament held at MHS had 17 teams from 13 school districts. Also, 52 students from MPS attended Future Problem Solving Bowl. Twice, we've had teams go to Nationals. Also, 80 students from Junior and Senior HS went to SEMSBA. Six MHS student will perform at Symphony. Also, 75 students from MHS were recognized by Scholastic Art & Writing Competition. Tomorrow night, Town Meeting will be held at MHS at 7:30. This Saturday, Milton High will host the MIAA Wrestling Tournament. Then, Science Fairs will be held in every school. On Saturday, Feb 27th, Pierce PTO will hold a CPR fundraiser. March 7th is First Grade Information Night. Also, STEM Info night will be held Friday, March 11th at 6:30pm in Cu/Co.

Ms. Grace Varela announced that the Girls Indoor Track Team recently won the Bay State Conference Championships.

Mr. Zullas thanked the MPD and the Tucker staff for their quick action during the hoax lockdown that recently occurred at Tucker.

Chairman's Report

Topic One: Annual Report. The report has been completed and reviewed and will now be forwarded to the Board of Selectmen.

Topic Two: Schedule. The committee's initial intention was to meet with MHS and PMS PTOs tomorrow night. This was contingent on the committee having budget numbers. However, we have cancelled our PTO meeting tomorrow night. The committee should have normal meeting on 2/24. Mr. Zullas said the committee can meet with the Warrant Committee on March 2nd. Discussion ensued as to the timing of the next few meetings.

Finance Subcommittee:

Topic One: FY 17 Budget. Contingent Budget (Attachment) (Vote). Mr. Walker said the Finance Subcommittee has been in constant contact with the Warrant Committee. At the last meeting, the budget was laid out. Key priorities were identified. Since the meeting, members of Finance Subcommittee have discussed the list and prioritized the list. Mr. Walker said he has a list of needs/priorities for FY17. He would like to make a motion, but first, eh would like to add items to the list. Mr. Walker read the list of priorities for FY17. Mr. Walker made a motion to increase the request to \$44,543,000 as a new or revised budget request.

Move: Mr. Walker

Second: Mr. Zullas

Discussion: Mr. Walker noted that this has been discussed at length at Finance Subcommittee and with the administration.

Vote: 6-0-0

Topic Two: Second Quarter Report. Mr. Walker referred to the memo and spreadsheet and said they have identified areas they are continuing to watch. Dr. Pavlicek said the most significant item is Special Ed. Mr. Walker made a motion to approve the report.

Move: Mr. Walker
Second: Ms. Padera
Vote: 6-0-0

Topic Three: Approval of Vendor Warrants (Vote)

Dr. Pavlicek introduced Warrant #31 dated on January 28th for \$659,739.71. He also introduced Warrant #33 for February 11th in the amount of \$353,528.67

Mr. Zullas asked the committee to defer Warrant #33 to the next meeting. It was agreed to. Mr. Walker then moved approval of Warrant #31.

Move: Mr. Walker
Second: Ms. Padera
Vote: 6-0-0

Policy Subcommittee

Topic One: Second Reading, Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Gender, Policy AC.
Dr. Donahue noted that since we last discussed this policy, there have been no substantive changes. The only changes are the legal references at the bottom. Dr. Donahue moved to approve.

Move: Dr. Donahue
Second: Mr. Zullas
Discussion: Mr. Walker noted that he suggested that we can move through these policies with a single change.
Vote: 6-0-0

Topic Two: Second Reading, Nondiscrimination Policy ACA. Dr. Donahue said that this policy has had no substantive changes. Move to re-adopt.

Move: Dr. Donahue
Second: Mr. Walker
Vote: 6-0-0

Approval of Minutes

The chair entertained a motion to approve the November 4th, 2015 minutes of the Milton School Committee.

November 4, 2015

Move: Mr. Walker
Second: Ms. Varela
Vote: 5-0-1 (Ms. Padera abstained)

The chair entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the November 23rd, 2015

Move: Mr. Walker
Second: Dr. Donahue
Mr. Walker said he'd like to find a time to review the goals of evaluation and will follow up on this.
Vote: 5-0-1 (Ms. Bagley Jones abstained)

December 2nd, 2015

Move: Mr. Walker
Second: Ms. Varela
Vote: 6-0-0

December 16, 2015

Move: Mr. Zullas
Second: Mr. Walker
Vote: 5-0-1 (Ms. Bagley Jones abstained)

Next Meeting Agenda Items

The next School Committee will be held on February 24th and will no longer be a joint meeting with the Warrant Committee.

Ms. Varela said she will not meet with Transportation Subcommittee in the next few weeks. She will bring an update after her March meeting.

The Chair entertained a motion to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Negotiation Strategy for Collective Bargaining with AFSCME, negotiation Strategy for Collective Bargaining with MEA and to adjourn directly from Executive Session and not return to Open Session.

Move: Mr. Zullas
Second: Mr. Walker
Roll Call Vote: 6-0-0

The Next School Committee meeting is scheduled for February 24th.

The meeting adjourned at 8:16pm.