

Minutes of the School Committee
Regular Meeting (Re-org)
Milton High School Cable Access Studio
Date: April 27, 2016

Committee Present: Kristan Bagley Jones, Leroy Walker, Sheila Varela, Margaret Eberhardt, Elaine Craghead. Kevin Donahue (via teleconference)

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

Call to Order

Ms. Bagley Jones called the April 27th meeting of the School Committee to order at 7:01pm

She welcomed the two new members, Margaret Eberhardt and Elaine Craghead.

Approval of Agenda: Ms. Bagley Jones approved the agenda with the addition of Citizens Speak.

SC Reorganization Meeting – (Policy BDA)

Election of Committee Officers

Ms. Bagley Jones asked if there were any nominations for the position of Chairman.

Ms. Varela nominated Mr. Walker.

Move: Ms. Varela

Second: Dr. Donahue

Discussion: Ms. Bagley Jones asked Mr. Walker if he would accept the nomination and he agreed. There being no other nominations, Ms. Bagley Jones called for a vote.

Roll Call Vote: 6-0-0

Mr. Walker has accepted nomination to be the School Committee chair.

Mr. Walker then entertained a motion for nominations for Vice Chair. Ms. Varela nominated Dr. Donahue.

Move: Ms. Varela.

Second: Ms. Bagley Jones

Discussion: Dr. Donahue was asked if he would accept the nomination and he agreed.

Roll Call Vote: 6-0-0

Citizens Speak

Michelle Connelly of the SEPAC came to speak. She wanted to inform the public that April is World Autism Awareness Month and talked about the issues surrounding autism.

Next Meeting Agenda Items

Mr. Walker asked if anyone would like to add items for the next agenda.

Ms. Varela asked to do an update on Safety Patrol, as she will do a transportation subcommittee update and asked for Transportation Jake Smith and the students from Safety Patrol to also attend.

Ms. Bagley Jones said she would have a Health & Wellness subcommittee update.

Dr. Pavlicek noted that Town Meeting will be held on May 2,3 and 5. Ms. Varela asked if we will have a regular meeting from 6-7 before Town Meeting starts.

Mr. Walker said they are working on a New School Committee Member Orientation Packet. Mr. Walker said that members will be able to look at the draft budget presentation before Town Meeting.

Ms. Gormley noted that there is a packet for all School Committee members, which contains information regarding School Choice. This info is in the blue folder.

Ms. Gormley asked where edits for the budget presentation for Town Meeting should be sent. Mr. Walker said the budget presentation should be sent out to all School Committee members tomorrow, with edits back to him by Thursday.

At the May 11th meeting, Ms. Bagley Jones asked if members could look at dates for the summer retreat. Mr. Walker asked if School Committee members could let him know what vacation schedules are for July/August. He also said he is still working out the Subcommittees. He is thinking that no more than three School Committee members should be on a Subcommittee, and finance subcommittee meetings should be held at a time when others can make it.

The Chair moved to adjourn the meeting.

Move: Mr. Walker

Second: Ms. Varela

Roll Call Vote: 6-0-0

The meeting adjourned at 7:43pm.

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