

Minutes of the School Committee
Regular Meeting
Milton High Library
Date: April 15, 2015

Committee Present: Leroy Walker, Chair, Michael Zullas, Vice Chair, Mary Kelly, Lynda-Lee Sheridan, Becky Padera, Kristan Bagley Jones. Student Reps Morgan Connolly, Spencer Torres (arrived late)

Staff Present: Mary Gormley, Superintendent

Call to Order

The Chair called the April 15, 2015 meeting of the School Committee to order at 7:15 pm.

Approve Agenda Mr. Walker moved the approval of minutes to later in the agenda and deleted Item 9a (Policy Subcommittee Report - second reading of Domestic Violence Leave Policy) and later deleted executive session.

Citizens Speak

Michelle Connolly came to speak about the recent workshop on anxiety and told the School Committee how well-attended the event was. She also wanted to acknowledge that April is National Autism Awareness Month.

Malcolm Larson, Steve Morash, Joe O'Malley, Katie Conlan and Annemarie Fagan came to speak about an injured Milton firefighter. The talked about the legal and financial obligations of the town and asked for a yes vote on Ballot Question 1 for \$500,000 annually to be used for no other purpose than Firefighter Pickens.

Superintendent's Report

Topic One: Food Service Presentation. Jacqueline Morgan, Food Service Director. Ms. Morgan spoke about Food Allergy training for all food service staff. 30 staff were trained and gluten-free meals are now available at all elementary schools. She discussed the partnership with Brookwood Farm; the School Breakfast Program; the Pierce Breakfast cart; Iron Chef Jr contest; the Tucker School PTO meeting. At the conclusion, she showed the Iron Chef video. Ms. Padera complimented Ms. Morgan for her problem-solving skiMs. Sheridan . Glover School is having "Super Lunch Hero" novels, and May 1st is the day to acknowledge the Food Service staff.

Happenings: The following teacher of the Year winners were announced:

Collicot: John Doyle
Cunningham: Emily Hyde
Glover: Susan Bonner
Tucker: Rina Chen
Pierce Middle School: Nicole Hoyceanyls

Milton High School: Larry Jordan

Collicot Elementary School Principal Holly Concannon was named the recipient of the Mary Grassa O'Neill Leadership Award.

Also, Ms. Gormley noted the upcoming Maria Trozzi event; Cunningham School's Community Read; Scholastic Honors Night. Also, regarding the Future Problem Solvers, the teams went to Mass Maritime Academy, and the winners will come to an upcoming School Committee meeting. Ms. Gormley and School Committee members thanked Mary Kelly and Lynda Lee Sheridan for their service.

Chairman's Report

Topic One: Appointment of Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Human Resources (Vote). Janet Sheehan. Mr. Walker explained that last year, these appointments were made as interim appointments and need to be voted. He entertained a motion to approve Ms. Sheehan in her current post.

Move: Ms. Padera

Second: Ms. Bagley Jones

Vote: 6-0-0

Topic Two: Appointment of Collicot Elementary School Principal, Holly Concannon.

Move: Ms. Padera

Second: Ms. Kelly

Vote: 6-0-0

Finance Subcommittee Report

Topic One: Approval of Vendor Warrants

Ms. Kelly introduced Warrant #42 in the amount of \$425,936.27.

Move: Ms. Kelly

Second: Mr. Walker

Vote: 5-0-1 (Ms. Kelly abstained)

Ms. Kelly commented that she abstains because she believes that we need to be held to the line items talked about. She said she has issues in moving funds around and said the committee needs to be diligent on those types of things. Make sure we're not going over the 14 lines, and if we do, find a way to identify the resources for these.

Transportation and Traffic Safety Subcommittee Report

Topic Two: Survey Update. Mr. Zullas said they committee is collecting and aggregating data, and will then determine where to go next. This will be effort over the next month. Also they are trying to improve traffic congestion by getting more kids to walk and bike to school. He made note of May 6th and is doing his best to promote and publicize this.

Facilities Subcommittee Report

Ms. Sheridan noted that her fellow committee members could not make it. She announced that the off site solar farm will begin to be built in spring/summer. Potential return could be \$250,000 per year and the schools should start to see a return soon. Ms. Sheridan said, due to the fact that our buildings were built/renovated within 6 years of each other, she would remind everyone that they will start to "go" at the same time. Ms. Sheridan said her greatest honor was being involved in the override project to build/renovate the schools.

Approval of Minutes:

The chair entertained a motion to approve the minutes of April 2, 2014

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

The chair entertained a motion to approve the minutes of May 15, 2014

Move: Ms. Sheridan
Edits: see pages
Second: Ms. Padera
Vote: 6-0-0

The chair entertained a motion to approve the minutes of June 11, 2014

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

The chair entertained a motion to approve the minutes of July 16, 2014

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

The chair entertained a motion to approve the minutes of Aug 20, 2014

Move: Ms. Sheridan
Second: Ms. Kelly
Vote: 6-0-0

The chair entertained a motion to approve the minutes of November 5, 2014

Move: Ms. Kelly

Second: Ms. Sheridan

Edits: see pages

Vote: 6-0-0

The chair entertained a motion to approve the minutes of December 3rd, 2014

Move: Ms. Kelly

Second: Mr. Walker

Vote: 6-0-0

The chair entertained a motion to approve the minutes of February 5th, 2015

Move: Ms. Kelly

Second: Mr. Walker

Vote: 5-0-2 (Ms. Sheridan and Ms. Bagley Jones abstained)

The chair entertained a motion to approve the minutes of March 4th regular meeting

Move: Ms. Kelly

Second: Mr. Walker

Edits: Add Ms. Padera

Vote: 6-0-0

The chair entertained a motion to approve the minutes of March 4th open budget hearing.

Move: Ms. Kelly

Second: Mr. Walker

Edits: Add Ms. Padera

Vote: 6-0-0

Next Meeting Agenda Items

Mr. Zullas asked for an update from elementary librarian and the MPL librarian on the goal of making sure every first grader got a library card. How are they doing?

Citizen Speak

On the occasion of their last meeting, School Committee members took a moment to thank Ms. Sheridan and Ms. Kelly for their years of service to the town.

The chair entertained a motion to adjourn.

Move: Ms. Padera

Second: Ms. Sheridan

Roll Call Vote: Unanimous

The meeting was adjourned at 8:41pm.