

Minutes of the School Committee
Regular Meeting
Milton High School Cable Access Studio
Date: May 3rd, 2017

Committee Present: Dr. Kevin Donahue, Chair, Sheila Varela, Vice Chair, Margaret Eberhardt, Dr. Elaine Craghead, Ada Rosmarin, Betty White.

Staff Present: Mary Gormley, Superintendent of Schools; Glenn Pavlicek, Assistant Superintendent for Business, Janet Sheehan, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Human Resources.

Call to Order

The Chair called the May 3rd, 2017 meeting of the School Committee to order at 7:01pm.

Approve Agenda

The committee approved the agenda after adding Item 5c (Transgender/Immigrant Status Update) and removing Item 7 (Transportation/Immigration Status Update)

Citizens Speak: None.

Superintendent's Report

Topic One: Karen Hughes, MHS art teacher, came with the Boston Globe Scholastic Art & Writing Awards. She brought copies of the students' work and explained how the competition works. Several students won national awards.

Topic Two: Milton High School World Language Director Dr. Martine Fisher came to speak, along with MHS Latin Teacher Madeline Murphy about the upcoming MHS Educational Trip to Italy. This trip would occur in 2018. They talked about different fundraising options.

Topic Three: Ms. Gormley spoke about Coach Hamel's field trip request. This would be a Boys' Crew team to travel to Connecticut for a competition with an overnight stay. Dr. Donahue moved to approve.

Move: Dr. Donahue

Second: Ms. Varela

Vote: 6-0-0

Topic Four: Coordinated Program Review Update (Attachment) Tracy Grandeau explained that there are three components to this review. It is currently held every six years, but it will now be done every three years. Visited all six schools to visit staff and parents. They spoke about translation services available.

Civil Rights and Other General Education Requirements Section: This was addressed by Tracy Grandeau.

English Learner Education Section: ELL Coordinator Alysa Buchanan talked about how the district is serving English Language Learners. She was asked whether the additions to the contingent budget are sufficient to meet the needs. She explained that many of the students coming into the district have a higher level of need. Ms. Buchanan explained that each content area teacher must gain a certificate as the SEI endorsement (65 hour course) Over the course of three years, the district supported the teachers in getting this done. Not only teachers, but administrators are required to get SEI endorsements. The corrective action plan is to increase staffing to ensure all ELL students receive recommended daily service guidelines.

Ms. Grandeau concluded the presentation by reviewing the corrective action plan and discussing the May 11 deadline. To view this presentation in its entirety, visit this link:

<http://www.miltonps.org/documents/CoordinatedProgramReviewReportMay12017.pdf>

Dr. Donahue thanked Ms Grandeau and Ms. Buchanan for their work and their presentation.

Happenings: Ms. Gormley asked Dr. Pavlicek to discuss the lead screening article in the Boston Globe. Mr. Ritchie does testing on a regular basis and has found no measurable amounts of lead in the water of any of our schools. Ms. Gormley reported that next year there will be 16 Kindergartens classrooms, which is only second time there have been that many in the district. To distribute them, the administration had to request to move some Cu/Co K students to see if any would move to Glover or Tucker. 8 or 9 have already volunteered. Ms. Gormley said there are some towns where class sizes fluctuate wildly from school to school, but not in Milton. Sheila Varela wants to bring awareness to the fact that the population is continuing to increase. Dr. Pavlicek discussed the recent letter to the editor from of the Milton Times which contained a factual error regarding teacher salaries. It turns out the DESE website was erroneous. He also explained how average teacher salaries should be calculated. The DESE website will be corrected.

Ms. Gormley announced that the current Athletic Director, Eric Karjel, will retire and move back to New York. A screening committee will be formed to hire a new AD. Also, Dr. Angela Burke has been appointed Ass't Superintendent of Randolph Public Schools and will be leaving her position as Instructional Technology Director of MPS.

Ms. Gormley said that last week and this week are Teacher Appreciation Week. This Friday is "Lunch Lady Day," Saturday, May 6th is National Nurse's Day. Nominations are in to the MFE for Teacher of the Year. The Junior Senior Prom is upcoming.

Ms. Gormley outlined the various summer programs offered by the Milton Public Schools.

Chairman's Report

Topic One: FY18 Budget Update. Dr. Donahue said we are still in a holding pattern with town meeting. He said the School Committee should go through school's contingent and non contingent meetings tomorrow night.

Topic Two: Milton School Committee Subcommittees (Attachment)

Dr. Donahue asked if anyone wants to fill empty seats on the subcommittees. He read the following list of subcommittees and moved for approval:

Finance Subcommittee: Dr. Elaine Craghead, Margaret Eberhardt, Elizabeth White.

Policy Subcommittee: Sheila Varela, Margaret Eberhardt, Ada Rosmarin.

Health & Wellness Subcommittee: Sheila Varela, Margaret Eberhardt, Elizabeth White.

Strategic Planning Advisory Subcommittee: Dr. Kevin Donahue, Margaret Eberhardt, Ada Rosmarin.

Town Capital Improvement Planning Committee:

Five Year Financial Planning Committee: Dr. Glenn Pavlicek

Payroll Warrant: Dr. Elaine Craghead

Milton Foundation for Education Representative: Margaret Eberhardt

MPEG Representative: Ada Rosmarin

Inclusion Task Force: Margaret Eberhardt

Security: Elizabeth White

Transportation Subcommittee: Sheila Varela, Elaine Craghead, Betty White.

Facilities Subcommittee: Dr. Kevin Donahue , Dr. Elaine Craghead, Ada Rosmarin

Ms. Eberhardt asked about whether or not there is a Town/School Consolidation Committee. Dr. Pavlicek said that yes, there is, but the committee hasn't met in a year. Needs to start meeting again. Ms. Varela asked if it was chaired by the town or the school. Dr. Pavlicek said the School Committee elects the chair.

Town/School Consolidation Committee: Dr. Elaine Craghead.

Dr. Donahue moved approval of list.

Move: Dr. Donahue

Second: Ms. Varela

Vote: 6-0-0

Topic Three: Transgender/Immigration Status Update. Dr. Donahue recalled that Ms. Kessler came to Citizen Speak last month to discuss this topic. Dr. Donahue said he will defer the planning process to the Policy Subcommittee in the hopes that they will craft a policy.

Ms. Varela asked, among the subcommittees discussed, how are chairs elected? Dr. Donahue said they can do that at each meeting.

Finance Subcommittee:

Approval of Vendor Warrants (Vote) Dr. Pavlicek introduced three warrants.

Warrant #41 dated April 13, 2017 in the amount of \$257,451.83

Warrant #43 dated April 27, 2017 in the amount of \$421,364.67

Dr. Donahue moved approval of 41 and 43 warrants and deferred Warrant #42.

Move: Dr. Donahue

Second: Dr. Craghead

Vote: 6-0-0

Next Meeting Agenda Items

Ms. Varela will give an update on Transportation and Traffic Safety.

There will be an executive session at the next meeting.

School Choice Vote and Open Forum should be added.

Ms. Eberhardt asked about the summer meeting schedule and retreat.

Dr. Craghead moved to adjourn the meeting.

Move: Dr. Craghead

Second: Ms. Eberhardt

Vote: 6-0-0

The meeting adjourned at 9:05pm.