

Minutes of the School Committee
Regular Meeting
Milton High Library
Date: September 10, 2014

Committee Present: Leroy Walker, Chair; Michael Zullas, Vice Chair; Mary Kelly, Lynda-Lee Sheridan, Kristan Bagley-Jones, Becky Padera. Student Reps: Matt McCarthy, Spencer Torres and Audrey Erikson.

Staff Present: Mary Gormley, Superintendent and Janet Sheehan, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Human Resources.

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

Approve Agenda: The agenda was approved after removing items 4a and 4c.

Citizens Speak: No one came forward for Citizen Speak

Superintendent's Report

Topic One: Ms. Gormley talked about summer cleaning and bus issues, noting that Transportation Director Jake Smith has worked hard all summer. They have added a bus but they are still resolving issues. Asked for patience. Mr. Zullas asked if this was the bus company's fault and Ms. Gormley said nobody was to blame. Ms. Gormley talked about this being Janet Sheehan's first meeting as Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Human Resources. Ms. Gormley talked about Holly Concannon's appointment as Principal of Collicot. She noted that Special Services Administrative Assistant Janet Potts last day was today and her retirement party was last night.

****Note:** Ms. Bagley Jones arrived at 7:07pm.

Ms. Gormley said the district hired 29 teachers for the start of school, but they are not 29 new positions. Some of these appointments were filling retirements, resignations, etc. She talked about the creation of the technology administrator and the recent appointment of Dr. Angela Burke. She also discussed the creation of the Parent Liaison position and said they are still interviewing for data specialist position. Ms. Gormley also noted that an, additional health position at Pierce was approved over the summer. Ms. Sheehan discussed the mentoring program for new teachers and the back-to-school schedule. Ms. Gormley noted that they added a new kindergarten classroom at Cunningham and new first grade at Glover Elementary School. Ms. Gormley said she will bring Jackie Morgan in to discuss the new regulation regarding what type of food can be served under the new guidelines. Student Rep Matt McCarthy described how the breakfast cart works to provide breakfast in the morning for students.

*****Note:** Ms. Kelly arrived at 7:24pm.

Happenings: Ms. Gormley talked about the upcoming Open Houses. Tomorrow night is Friday Night Lights, part of the celebration for the first home game. No school on Sept. 25th. Celebrate Milton on October 5th. Walk to School Day on October 5th. MFE Monster Dash on October 26th.

Chairman's Report

Topic One: Executive Session Vote Report Out. During the July 16th executive session and the August 20th executive session, the School Committee voted to approve a 2% raise for all employees in the HRS unit for FY15. They also voted salaries for Ms. Sheehan, Ms. Concannon, Mr. Redden and Dr. Elaine McNeil Girmai, as well as a salary and retention bonus for Dr. Pavlicek.

Finance Subcommittee Report

Topic One: Ms. Kelly presented the Vendor Warrants in the amount of \$226,310.88

Move: Ms. Kelly

Second: Ms. Padera

Vote: 5-0-1 (MK abstained)

Next Meeting Agenda Items

The chair said he will poll the members as to whether the committee should keep the September 17th meeting on the schedule or move the items to the October meeting.

Ms. Sheridan announced that she will not be seeking re-election. She hopes that someone will run for this position. She is grateful that she was able to give back to this community. Mr. Walker noted that Ms. Sheridan was instrumental in his decision to run for School Committee and she has been a great role model.

Mr. Zullas mentioned the Milton Library Foundation's Gala is upcoming and noted that Lori Henry and Sara Truog will be making a presentation on the collaboration between the Milton Public Schools and the Milton Public Library.

The Chair entertained a motion to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of Deployment of Security Personnel and to adjourn directly from Executive Session and not return to Open Session.

Move: Mr. Walker

Second: Ms. Sheridan

Roll Call Vote: 6-0-0

The meeting adjourned at 8:34