

Minutes of the School Committee  
Regular Meeting  
Milton High School Cable Access Studio  
Date: March 1, 2017

**Committee Present:** Leroy Walker, Chair, Dr. Kevin Donahue, Vice Chair, Kristan Bagley-Jones, Sheila Varela, Margaret Eberhardt, Dr. Elaine Craghead. *Note: Dr. Donahue voted remotely via phone.*

**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 March 1st meeting of the School Committee to order at 7:02pm

### **Approve Agenda**

The committee approved the agenda.

### **Chairman's Report**

Topic One: FY18 Budget (Attachment) (Vote) The first order is to approve the contingent budget priorities. The chair said the Finance Subcommittee has recommended a document that includes those priorities organized into three tiers.

Tier One total: \$1,099,650.00. The chair moved approval of the prioritized list.

**Move:** Mr. Walker

**Second:** Dr. Craghead

**Vote:** 6-0-0

Ms. Bagley Jones asked if the School Committee would vote on the second tier. Mr. Walker said they voted the whole list, but only the first tier is prioritized. Ms. Bagley Jones wanted to go on record as being very concerned about having two positions -- the SEL and the MTSS.

Ms. Varela said she would also like some explanation on these two positions. Mr. Walker said the selectmen last night discussed the numbers around the override, and the likelihood that we would get the first tier is unlikely. Ms. Bagley Jones said she wants to be clear that she wants on the record as against this being two positions.

Topic Two: Ethics Committee Disclosure Form: Mr. Walker said that earlier this year, they began recruiting for a Social/Emotional position. Ms. Laurie Stillman was a candidate for this position. They had to consult with the Ethics Commission on this issue because Ms. Stillman helped to write the grant. In addition, Ms. Stillman has some responsibilities with the Milton Health Department. The Town Counsel recommended that the Board of Selectmen appoint Ms. Stillman as a special municipal employee, which they have done. Ms. Stillman filled out an

ethics disclosure form. The School Committee must make the determination that her interest in applying for the SEL position did not affect the integrity of her grant writing. Mr. Walker moved to make the determination. If approved, this would allow the Superintendent to move forward with the hire.

**Move:** Mr. Walker

**Second:** Dr. Craghead

Discussion: Ms. Bagley Jones said she wanted to be clear that this position is grant-funded, not from our budget. It's also part time and there was an interview process.

**Vote:** 6-0-0

Ms. Bagley Jones announced that she will not running for School Committee again, after nine years on the School Committee. She encouraged anyone interested in running to pull papers and run for this position.

Student Rep Mike Sullivan announced that he has been recommended him for West Point and the Air Force Academy. Round of applause.

The chair moved to change locations and resume the meeting at Warrant Committee.

**Move:** Mr. Walker

**Second:** Dr. Craghead

**Vote:** 6-0-0

Meeting was adjourned at 7:10pm.