

Minutes of the School Committee
Regular Meeting
Milton High School Cable Access Studio
Date: June 7th, 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 June 7th 2017 meeting of the School Committee to order at 7:01pm. He then granted access Milton access TV to record and broadcast this meeting.

Approve Agenda

The committee approved the agenda after adding MPS retirement and MHS graduation. The Chair removed Item 13b (minutes for approval)

Citizen Speak (Policy BEDH – 15 minutes)

The Pierce Players, along with Pierce Principal Dr. Karen Spaulding, came to talk about their upcoming play and perform a scene from it. School Committee members congratulated them for their hard work.

Superintendent's Report

Topic One: Grade Five Safety Patrol Update. Jake Smith, Transportation Director came with the fifth grade students who serve on Safety Patrol. Ms. Varela thanked Mr. Smith for this project. Mr. Smith introduced each of the students and explained how the program works. Students were thanked for their work.

Topic Two: Jacqueline Morgan, Food Service Director came to speak about her department. There is breakfast in the classroom in three classrooms at Tucker Elementary School. She spoke about Grab-and-Go carts at middle and high school levels. She outlined the fresh fish program being piloted at Milton High School. To view the entire presentation, click the link below: <http://www.miltonps.org/documents/MiltonSchoolFoodServiceannualsummary16-17.pdf> Ms. Morgan also spoke about the meal charge policy, which would not deny any student a meal, despite their balance. Dr. Craghead asked Ms. Morgan to clarify how the lunch line works, if the account has no money in it. Ms. Morgan spoke about the difference between a meal and a reimbursable meals. All MPS meals are reimbursable meals. They spoke about the MySchoolBucks payment system. School Committee members thanked Ms. Morgan for her work and for the presentation.

Happenings: Ms. Gormley spoke about the Norfolk County Teacher's Association Service Awards event at Lombardo's, which honored Peg Turner and Barbara Pakalantitis. Kindergarten screening is underway. Ms. Eberhardt spoke about graduation. Ms. Gormley reviewed Senior Awards Night and Ms. Eberhardt spoke about the Boosters Banquet. Ms. Gormley spoke about the All Night Party and thanked all the volunteers. She talked about upcoming Pierce Players production, the BID-Milton event. Ms. Varela spoke about Great East Music Festival. Ms. Gormley thanked the outgoing board of the Milton Boosters. Ms. Gormley also spoke about the recent Science Fairs, which she said were very successful. In addition, two Pierce students took second and third place at the State Science Fair. Ms. White said she was moved by the Senior Awards Night, especially for those who were in the name of a family member.

Chair's Report

Topic One: Summer Schedule (Attachment) Dr. Donahue suggested one monthly meeting during the summer. Would like to change July 19 to July 26. Also, would like to schedule the August meeting on August 23rd. Ms. Varela suggested scheduling retreat on one of those two dates. Dr. Donahue suggested doing the retreat/meeting on August 23rd. Ms. Varela said she would prefer to hold the retreat earlier in the summer. The chair moved to schedule the two summer meetings on July 26 and August 23 dependent on the availability of Mr. Koocher.

Move: Dr. Donahue

Second: Ms. Varela

Discussion: Dr. Craghead agreed with Ms. Varela.

Vote: 6-0-0

The chair then named all of this year's retirees and thanked them for their service to the Milton Public Schools. He noted there was a Retiree Reception prior to the meeting.

Topic Two: Milton High School Graduation. Dr. Donahue read a letter from a MHS parent who was impressed with Mr. Jette's graduation day speech. Ms. Varela said she had also heard from other parents about the success of Mr. Jette's speech. Ms. Gormley

Finance Subcommittee Report

Topic One: FY18 Fee Proposal (Attachment) (Vote) Dr. Pavlicek noted the changes highlighted in yellow. Earlier this year, the School Committee voted to approve the summer school and enrichment schedule. He explained that the current fee schedule needs to be voted. Some fees are subject to change, dependent on the outcome of the override. From the Facilities Rental department, one change is that events with more than 500 people should contact MPD for a traffic detail.

Move: Dr. Donahue

Second: Dr. Craghead

Vote: 6-0-0

Topic Two: Approval of Vendor Warrants (Vote) Dr. Craghead moved to approve Vendor Warrant #46 dated May 18, 2017 in the amount of \$527,759.27.

Move: Dr. Craghead

Second: Ms. Varela

Vote: 5-0-1 (White abstained)

Dr. Craghead also moved to approve Vendor Warrant #47 dated May 25, 2017 of \$180,042.01

Move: Dr. Craghead

Second: Ms. Varela

Vote: 6-0-0

Dr. Craghead moved to approve Vendor Warrant #49 dated June 8, 2017 in the amount of \$576,513.51

Move: Dr. Craghead

Second: Dr. Donahue

Vote: 6-0-0

Health and Wellness Subcommittee Report

Ms. Eberhardt noted that she was elected chair at the most recent Health & Wellness Subcommittee Report (May 26th). There was discussion about the past school year. Discussed the SEL position, and Ms. Stillman will report back to the committee on June 16th. There was also discussion about a grant being offered by Sen. Timilty's office for drug prevention. There was also discussion about a youth center. MHS Health/PE Director, Noel Vigue was present at the meeting to discuss a Parent Speaker Series. Rich Guarino, MHS Guidance Counselor and Adjustment Counselor, spoke about the role about Adjustment Counselors at Milton High School. Ms. Eberhardt said she also spoke about Airplane Noise at this meeting. It will be discussed further on June 16th.

Transportation Subcommittee Report

Ms. Varela said that this subcommittee had a meeting in May and will have another in August. At the May meeting, they moved up the Safety Patrol Applications to the end of the year. Would like this to be up and running in the fall. Also, regarding Glover parking, there has been a change to the pickup and drop-off. Lt. Alba, along with Ms. McDavitt and Dr. Pavlicek met to discuss this issue. Dr. Pavlicek explained that the change affects the little parking lot off Brook Road to provide parking for Turner's Pond and has become a "live drop-off" spot. Three weeks ago, the decision was made to close the lot 30 minutes before and after school. This had become a safety issue. There may be some modifications to the main Glover lot, which could improve safety. There was also a meeting with Mr. Perdios from the DPW to talk about options for this lot. The next step is to speak with members of the Conservation Commission to see what the limitations might be. Ms. Varela noted that one goal is to encourage more students to take the Glover bus, which would alleviate the congestion during pick-up and drop-off. Dr. Craghead noted that the

bus fee would be reduced if the override passes. At the Cu/Co, they have been looking at the crosswalks. There are two stops, which creates traffic congestion. This summer, they will remove the traffic light in front of Collicot and expand the crosswalk to create one crosswalk in the middle of both schools. They feel that having one stop, but bigger, would be safer. She also noted that there are Transportation Reps from each school on this committee. They need Glover and Tucker representatives, as well as the Pierce. Ms. Gormley noted the changes at the Cu/Co will also create a new opening in the fencing out front to make accessing the building easier.

Next Meeting Agenda Items

Dr. Donahue noted the next meeting will be June 14th. Ms. Eberhardt said that Policy Subcommittee might have an update. Ms. Rosmarin said Facilities may have an update. Ms. Gormley said she would like an update from Debate and FBLA.

Dr. Donahue moved to go into Executive Session to discuss negate strategy with non union personnel, the discussion of which in open session would be detrimental to the School Committee's position.

Move: Dr. Donahue

Second: Ms. Varela

Roll Call Vote: 6-0-0