

*note: MD was home sick on 12/7 and took minutes via video

Minutes of the School Committee
Regular Meeting
Milton High School Cable Access Studio
Date: December 7, 2016

Committee Present: Leroy Walker, Chair, Kristan Bagley-Jones, Sheila Varela, Margaret Eberhardt, Dr. Elaine Craghead.

Not Present: Dr. Donahue.

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 December 7th meeting of the School Committee to order at 7pm.

Approve Agenda

The committee approved the agenda after the chair removed the Policy Subcommittee Report and the Approval of Minutes. He added Negotiation Strategy for Non Union Personnel under Executive Session.

Citizens Speak: None.

Superintendent's Report

Topic One: Field Trip Approval (Attachment) (Vote) Ms. Sheehan presented a proposal for a Debate Team trip to Columbia University from Jan 20-22nd. Mr. Walker moved to approve.

Move: Mr. Walker

Second: Ms. Eberhardt

Vote: 5-0-0

Ms. Sheehan also outlined a second field trip proposal, for the Future Business Leaders to travel to Newark, NJ for a scheduled meeting with the New Jersey Devils. Mr. Walker moved approval.

Move: Mr. Walker

Second: Dr. Craghead

Discussion: Ms. Bagley Jones asked what the ratio is for adult to students on field trips and was told there is a 1-8 or 1-10 ratio.

Vote: 5-0-0

Happenings: Ms. Gormley said that today, December 7th, was an early release day. Also, the new standards-based report cards were sent to parents today. Today, the three-day Coordinated Program Review visit was concluded. Ms. Gormley will apprise the School Committee of findings and recommendations when the report is available. Ms. Gormley announced the start of winter sports season. There will be the annual Retiree Luncheon in the MHS library in mid-December. Pierce concerts were held this week, with a guest appearance by Dr. Karen Spaulding.

Finance Subcommittee:

Topic One: Approval of Vendor Warrants (Vote) Mr. Walker moved to approve Vendor Warrant #20 dated Nov 9, 2016 in 229,375.17.

Move: Mr. Walker

Second: Dr. Craghead

Vote: 5-0-0

Mr. Walker deferred Vendor Warrant #21 until the next meeting

Chairman's Report

Topic One: FY18 Budget Update. Mr. Walker said there is no new information on this. There will be a meeting with Warrant Committee next week, Dec. 14th. He reminded the School Committee that they have approved a non-contingent budget and need to approve priorities for a contingent budget. Ms. Varela asked if there have been any significant changes to the budgets. Ms. Bagley Jones asked if the presentation would be ready before the Warrant Committee meeting. Mr. Walker said that it would be ready.

Topic Two: Superintendent's Evaluation (Vote) (Attachment) Mr. Walker said they have a final document representing each member's comments and conclusions for a vote. He said the committee is unanimous in their support for and satisfaction with the Superintendent and her performance. School Committee members all expressed their support of Ms. Gormley. The End-of-Cycle Summative Evaluation can be viewed by visiting this link:

<http://www.miltonps.org/documents/MSCSuperintendentEnd-of-Cycle-SummativeEvaluationDecember2016Final.pdf>

Mr. Walker moved to approve the evaluation document.

Move: Mr. Walker

Second: Ms. Varela

Vote: 5-0-0

Next Meeting Agenda Items

Ms. Bagley Jones would like an update on the subcommittees.

Mr. Walker will send the Working Group changes to the School Committee. Ms. Gormley suggested a NESDEC (New England School Development Council) update and Mr. Walker said that will include a report on enrollment trends in mid-January.

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

Move: Mr. Walker

Second: Ms. Varela

Roll Call Vote: 5-0-0

The next regular School Committee meeting is scheduled for January 4th.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.