

Milton School Committee Meeting Minutes
Milton Access TV Studio
December 12, 2018
Time: 7 pm

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

Staff Present: Mary Gormley, Superintendent of Schools; Dr. Glenn Pavlicek, Assistant Superintendent for Business.

Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm.

Approve December 12, 2018 Agenda

Dr. Donahue requested the addition of the School Committee Schedule to the Chair's Report (Item 5b), and deletion of the Approval of Minutes (Item 9) from the agenda. Ms. Varela asked that the Health and Wellness Advisory Committee Report (Item 7) be moved to next meeting's agenda.

The agenda was approved with these edits.

Citizen's Speak – none

Superintendent's Report

Topic One: Happenings. Superintendent Gormley informed the Committee that the district belongs to the Boston Private Industry Council (PIC). This group's School-to-Career team provides summer and school year jobs and internships, job shadows at various area companies, mock interviews with local professionals, and other career awareness and exploration activities. Today Milton High School hosted 20 healthcare professionals from local hospitals for a career exploration event. Superintendent Gormley reminded everyone that there is a school concert tomorrow night, December 13th. Winter break for students starts a week from this Friday. Teachers will return for a professional development day on January 2nd, and classes resume on January 3rd. The next School Committee meeting will be January 9th. There are upcoming information sessions and screening dates for preschool, kindergarten, and first graders. Pierce Players will perform High School Musical on January 17, 18th, 19th.

Student representative Ms. Lorden presented the sports happenings. She urged everyone to check out the girls' basketball team as they take on Framingham High School in their first conference game on December 14th. Check out the new website for additional details.

Ava Duggan (Junior, Cross Country) and Emily Dobrindt (Junior, Swim) were chosen as the November Athletes of the Month.

Smith Charles signed a letter of intent to attend Cornell University on the track team. He joins Elise O'Leary (University of Connecticut, Cross Country, Track), and Ella Affanato (Merrimack College, Cross Country, Track) as the three students thus far to sign letters of intent.

Chair's Report

Topic One: Warrant Committee Presentation. Dr. Donahue commented on the Warrant Committee presentation. He thanked the Warrant Committee for hosting School Committee members, and believes this was a productive session. Ms. Varela recognized Susan Maselli, Director of Pupil Personnel Services, for her participation in the meeting.

Topic Two: School Committee Schedule. Dr. Donahue proposed the members consider moving the next School Committee meeting from January 9th to January 2nd to allow more time to review and the DRA report in advance of the February Town meeting. He asked that members let him know by the end of next week via email, and the members agreed to do so.

Finance Subcommittee Report

Approval of Vendor Warrants (Vote). Dr. Craghead reported that the subcommittee met yesterday to debrief after the Warrant Committee Presentation. She echoed comments by Dr. Donahue thanking everyone for their efforts and also gave credit to Superintendent Gormley and Assistant Superintendent Dr. Pavlicek for their presentations. The subcommittee has been meeting weekly. The next meeting will be January 15th. She thanked the members of the Finance Subcommittee for their hard work.

Dr. Craghead made a motion to approve vendor warrant 22 dated December 6, 2018 in the amount of \$347,516.71; and to approve vendor warrant number 23, dated December 13, 2018 in the amount of \$240,084.07.

Second: Ms. Varela

Abstain: Ms. White

Vote: 5-0-1

Policy Subcommittee Report

Ms. Eberhardt reported that the subcommittee has focused recently on policies regarding diversity, student participation in surveys and research, fundraising policies, and philosophies of athletics. They will present any changes at upcoming meetings. The subcommittee will also look at the Conflict of Interest policy, and that regarding the Student Advisory Committee to the School Committee and how these policies are applied in the district.

Old Business

None

Citizen Speak Topic Response

None

Next Meeting Agenda Items

Health and Wellness Advisory Committee Report, Policy Subcommittee Report, DRA presentation. Collicot School Site Council meeting.

Citizen Speak

None

The Chair entertained a motion to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of approving minutes and to discuss negotiation strategy for union and non-union personnel, and to adjourn directly from Executive Session and not to return to Open Session.

Move: K. Donahue

Roll Call Vote: 6-0-0

The meeting was adjourned at 7:22pm.