

Milton School Committee Minutes
Milton High School
Milton Access TV Studio
May 1, 2019
7 pm

Committee Present: Sheila Varela, Chair (newly appointed in open session); Dr. Elaine Craghead, Vice Chair (newly appointed in open session); Margaret Eberhardt, Betty White, Dr. Kevin Donahue.

Staff Present: Mary Gormley, Superintendent of Schools; Janet Sheehan, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Human Resources; Dr. Glenn Pavlicek, Assistant Superintendent for Business.

Call to Order- May 1, 2019 Reorganizational Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 8:25 p.m.

Approve May 1, 2019 Reorganizational Meeting Agenda

The agenda was approved with no additions.

Citizens Speak

None

School Committee Organizational Meeting, Policy BDA (Attachment)

Topic One: Election of officers.

Dr. Pavlicek opened the floor for School Committee Chair nominations.

Ms. Eberhardt put forth a nomination for Sheila Varela as School Committee Chair.

Second: Dr. Craghead

Dr. Donahue made a motion to close the nominations and elect Sheila Varela as Chair of the School Committee for the upcoming year.

Second: Ms. Eberhardt

Abstain: Ms. Varela

Vote: 4-0-1

Dr. Donahue moved to elect Dr. Elaine Craghead as Vice Chair of the School Committee for the upcoming year.

Second: Ms. Varela

Ms. Varela moved to close the nominations and elect Dr. Elaine Craghead as Vice Chair of the School Committee for the upcoming year.

Second: Dr. Donahue

Abstain: Dr. Craghead

Vote: 4-0-1

Call to order – Regular Milton School Committee Meeting

Citizens Speak

Andrew Racine and his son Tyler came to discuss proposed changes to the French Immersion program regarding the lottery and class sizes. His daughter is currently on the waitlist for the immersion program. He thinks that the lottery should grandfather siblings into the program. He thinks they should consider adding another class given the increasing enrollment.

Julia Racine feels her family is divided and that it's not fair one child should have the advantage of French Immersion and not the other.

Sophie Boucher, a sophomore, explained that her younger brother was accepted into the double strand immersion program but her other brother wasn't.

Superintendent's Report

Topic One: Summer Programming Update: A variety of summer programs will be offered this summer: Milton Summer Enrichment, Camp Cunningham, Extended School Year, the Calculus Project, Marching Band camp, Bride, Explore Japan, Welcome to Middle School. More information will be in the Superintendent's blast tomorrow.

Topic Two: FY20 Kindergarten and First Grade Enrollment Update.

Enrollment updates: as of today there are 361 kindergarteners for next fall. Seventeen classes will be needed next fall. Two years ago 354 students were in the kindergarten class.

Waitlist for French Immersion is 16 for first grade.

Topic Three: Superintendent's Report.

Thursday May 2, 2019 the district wide diversity event will be held in MHS library. This year's topic is on bias. The speaker is Richard Pinderhughes, a Milton parent.

Upcoming events: National School Nurse Day, May 8, 2019. Teacher Appreciation Week starts on May 6, 2019. Teacher Appreciation Day, May 7, 2019. There are many school events planned to celebrate these dates.

Next School Committee meeting will be held at Collicot 5/15/19 at 7 pm.

Other upcoming events:

Teacher of the Year event 5/22/19 at MHS auditorium.

MHS music award night 5/23/19.

MHS senior award 5/28/19.

Elementary art shows will be held the last week of May.

MHS Boosters Banquet 6/29/19.

Athletics update.

Facilities Advisory Committee Report as presented on April 24, 2019 (School Building Committee) (Vote)

Dr. Craghead made a motion that the School Committee recommend to the School Building Committee that the construction of a free standing K-5 elementary school is the preferred educational objective of the Milton School Committee.

Second: Dr. Donahue
Vote: 5-0-1

Chair's Report

Topic One: Subcommittee and Advisory Committees (Attachment)

Ms. Varela asked that the members indicate which committees they are interested in by the May 15th School Committee meeting.

Topic: South Shore Educational Collaborative Representative.

Ms. Varela made a motion to nominate Ms. Gormley as the South Shore Educational Collaborative Representative for the 2019-2020 School Year

Second: Dr. Craghead
Vote: 6-0-0

Finance Subcommittee

Dr. Craghead made a motion to approve Vendor Warrant number 43, dated 5/2/2019, in the amount of \$603,438.92.

Second: Dr. Donahue
Abstain: Ms. White
Vote: 4-0-1

Policy Subcommittee Report

Topic One: 1st Reading, Policy GBEA, Staff/Ethics/Conflict of Interest (Attachment).

Ms. Eberhardt would prefer to wait until all members are present to vote on the policy. The policy seems to disproportionately disadvantage young students and is very restrictive as currently written. Further discussion will be deferred until a future meeting.

Topic Two: 1st Reading, Policy IJND, Access to Digital Resources (Attachment).

This was reviewed by the legal team.

Topic Three: 1st Reapproval, Policy JJI, Philosophy of Athletics (Attachment).

The Committee does not think they have had a first reading of this policy. This will be voted upon at the next School Committee meeting so members can have time to review this policy and be prepared to vote on it.

Health and Wellness Advisory Committee

The previous Parent Teacher series (The Gift of Failure) in March was well attended.

The state and national wellness goals were reviewed and a new list was developed for the Milton district. These will be presented to be formally reviewed by the Health and Wellness committee in coming months.

MHS had a wellness week in March which was very successful.

The MSAPC recently held the Caring and Consequences Event, in which Milton leaders met to discuss their efforts to reduce substance abuse.

The Unified Sports program was discussed.

Next Meeting Agenda Items

To be held at Collicot. Policy Subcommittee. Annual vote on School Choice – the School Committee members need more details. Discussion regarding dates of summer retreat.

Ms. Varela moved to go into executive session not to return to the open session, for the purpose of discussion of negotiation strategy for union and nonunion personnel.

Second: Dr. Donahue

Roll Call Vote: 5-0-0