

Milton School Committee Minutes
Milton High School
Milton Access TV Studio
July 10, 2019
7 pm

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

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

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

Approve July 10, 2019 Agenda

The agenda was approved with the deletion of FY20 Budget from the Finance Subcommittee Report; and deletion of the Approval of Minutes during Executive Session.

Citizen Speak

None

Superintendent's Report

Topic One: Guests of the Superintendent.

The Milton High School Rugby Team came and introduced themselves to the audience. They just earned the MIAA Division II State Rugby Title, and were recognized for their accomplishments.

Topic Two: Introduction of William Fish, Pierce Middle School Principal.

Mr. Fish thanked the community at large for their warm welcome. He is in the process of trying to find an assistant principal. There were 67 applications, and they narrowed this down to a smaller group of candidates. Mr. Fish welcomed any parents or staff to come by the school anytime during the summer if they so desire. He expressed his desire to meet the families and students that make up the Pierce community.

Topic Three: Transportation Update, Assistant Superintendent Glenn Pavlicek.

Dr. Pavlicek gave a transportation update: there are currently 1,424 registrants; this is 10 more students than last year, so enrollment is about the same. All elementary school students who applied for busing will have a seat for bus transportation. As with last year the issue is middle and high school, as there are more students signed up for buses than seats available. There are 46 seats per bus, but because of variations in ridership (students do not ride every day for various reasons – sports participation, obtaining their driver's license, etc.) up to 60 bus passes have been

assigned previously. Right now bus passes have been assigned to fill the seats; we will wait until the school years starts before issuing additional bus passes for riders on each bus. Waiting lists on all the buses range in number from 4 to 20, and nine of the ten buses do have waiting lists at this time. Parents have asked if we can purchase another bus. There are enough students to fill two buses, however, each bus costs \$71, 000 per bus and this would therefore present a significant cost increase to the district. Dr. Pavlicek explained that notifications will go out to parents in the next couple of days to inform parents of student placement. Bus passes were assigned solely by when parents signed up, and all applications are time stamped. The district will offer MBTA student passes to students who are waitlisted. Hopefully the waiting lists will decrease as a more accurate determination regarding ridership for each bus is made after the school years starts. Last year all but sixteen students were able to obtain a bus pass.

Topic Four: Enrollment Update, Assistant Superintendent Glenn Pavlicek.

Kindergarten Enrollment Update – Dr. Pavlicek reported that the district added a 17th kindergarten class to accommodate student enrollment. At both Collicot and Cunningham schools the kindergarten classes are currently full (23 students). New students moving forward will be offered placement at either Glover or Tucker because they can still accommodate incoming kindergarteners.

First Grade French Immersion Program Enrollment Update – At the beginning of the process there was a waiting list of 29 students, but this has now decreased to a waiting list of only 7 students.

Topic Five: Summer Programming Update.

Ms. Gormley reminded the audience that Milton Summer Enrichment has begun. The programming is now extended through Friday for four weeks. Additionally, there is special education programming, the Bridge Program for rising 9th graders, Calculus Program at the high school, and Camp Cunningham. There are two Welcome to Middle School dates at the Pierce Middle School for rising students as well. The summer reading challenge is underway.

Topic Six: Happenings

DESE will be on site in the fall to perform a review of the district to ensure we are compliant. The Educational Stability Audit is also coming up this fall. Ms. Gormley explained how important these review and audits are to ensure all students have equal opportunity and access to education in the district.

Michelle Kreuzer was recently appointed as Principle of the King Philip Regional Middle School and will be leaving Milton to pursue this opportunity. We wish her well in this future endeavor.

Chair's Report

Topic One: MASC Conference Reminder (Attachment)

Ms. Varela reminded everyone that the annual conference will occur this year on November 6-9th in Hyannis. There is an early bird special which will save \$100 of the registration fee for those who are signed up by the 12th.

Topic Two: Summer Retreat: Ms. Varela confirmed this year's retreat will occur on Monday August 5th 4-8pm.

Topic Three: 2019/2020 School Committee Meeting Schedule (Attachment)

Ms. Varela asked the committee to review the proposed scheduled and be prepared to vote at the August meeting. Do. Donahue identified a conflict with the November 6th meeting. This will be reviewed.

Topic Four: Finalize 2019-2020 Subcommittees and Advisory Committees (Attachment) (Re-Vote).

Ms. Eberhardt will join the Finance Subcommittee; Dr. Donahue will join Transportation and Traffic Safety Advisory Committee; Dr. Craghead volunteered for the Strategic Planning Committee for the upcoming school year. Committee membership is itemized in the attachment.

Ms. Varela made a motion to approve the 2019-2020 School Year Subcommittees, Advisory Committees and Responsibilities document as revised on July 10, 2019.

Second: Dr. Donahue

Vote: 6-0-0

Finance Subcommittee Report

Topic One: Community Schools Siblings Discount (Attachment) (Vote)

The group must vote again on this item given an error in the initial vote. Originally there was a single sided copy that did not have all the information that should have been reviewed prior to the previous vote. There is an error in the fee grid which makes it cheaper to attend for three days as opposed to four and this is corrected. The sibling discount was changed from 50% to 30%.

Dr. Craghead made a motion to approve the Milton Community Schools Sibling Discount Proposal 1 as presented in the packet

Second: Ms. White

Vote: 6-0-0

Topic Two: Approval of Vendor Warrants (Vote)

Dr. Craghead made a motion to approve Vendor Warrant Number 49, dated 6/13/19 in the amount of \$373,453.95; Vendor Warrant Number 50, dated 6/20/19 in the amount of \$628,011.94; and Vendor Warrant Number 53, dated 6/29/19, in the amount of \$221,377.66.

Second: Ms. Varela

Vote: 6-0-0

Dr. Craghead made a motion to approve Vendor Warrant Number 51, dated 6/27/19, in the amount of \$281,494.10

Second: Dr. Donahue

Abstain: Ms. White

Vote: 5-0-1

Facilities Advisory Committee Report

Topic One: Cunningham/Collicot Green Space Project Update

Since the middle of June, they have met with leadership twice, reviewed the letters written by neighbors and testimony from public forums, and met with the Facilities Advisory Committee to inform them about the details of this project. Ms. Rosmarin thinks they will make another presentation to the facilities committee so that a final determination can be made on this matter and recommendations are expected to be made to the School Committee on this topic. We are exploring various design options, gathering more information about concerns the community, and reached out to the abutters to discuss their concerns as well. We hope to have a joint meeting with the abutters and Green space Group prior to the next School Committee meeting in August.

Topic Two: Update of First Meeting of School Building Committee

The first meeting of the School Building Committee occurred June 24, 2019. Ms. Rosmarin commented that the Town moderator has assembled a top notch team with a wide range of relevant skills. Mike Zullas is also part of the School Building Committee.

The next meeting include a review of all the work that has occurred to this point and this will include information about the various options for space, enrollment numbers etc.

Approval of Minutes (Attachment) (Vote)

Ms. Varela made a motion to approve the minutes of April 10, 2019.

Second: Dr. Craghead

Abstain: Dr. Donahue

Vote: 5-0-1

Ms. Varela made a motion to approve the minutes of April 24, 2019.

Second: Dr. Craghead

Vote: 6-0-0

Ms. Varela made a motion to approve the minutes of May 1, 2019.

Second: Dr. Craghead

Abstain: Ms. Rosmarin

Vote: 5-0-1

Old Business

None

Citizens Speak

None

Next meeting agenda

Policy Review, back to school update, fourth quarter report, school handbook review.

Meeting Adjourned

Ms. Moved that the meeting be adjourned to Executive Session, not to return to open session, for the purpose of discussion of negotiation strategy for union and nonunion personnel.

Second: Dr. Craghead

Roll Call Vote: 5-0-0

The meeting was adjourned at pm 8:06 pm.