

Milton School Committee Meeting Minutes
July 6, 2021

Committee Present: Chair; Margaret Eberhardt, Vice Chair; Dr. Elizabeth Carroll, Beverly Ross Denny, Betty White

Staff Present: James Jette, Superintendent of Schools; Dr. Karen Spaulding, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Human Resources; Amy Dexter, Assistant Superintendent for Business

Absent: Vice Chair; Ada Rosmarin, Dr. Elaine Craghead,

1. Call to Order - 7:30pm

2. Approval of the Agenda

- Updated and approved

3. Approval of Fees

- Milton Community Schools FY21/22 ASE and ESAP Fees - Martha Sandoval
- Presented Tuition Rate Increase Proposal to School Committee, including comparison from other districts
- Presentation posted

Dr. Carroll

- Thanked Martha Sandoval for her presentation, commented that the programs offered are great
- Asked if Community Schools has ever looked a sliding scales for tuitions fees for families based on a family's income
 - Ms. Sandoval replied that Community Schools currently has a sliding scale for families that request assistance
 - Voucher provided if qualified
- Dr. Carroll clarified that she was curious if a that sliding scale could be offered across the board

Ms. White

- Camp Cunningham ran at 70% because of Covid, was there a waiting list?

- Ms. Sandoval replied, the waiting list was not long. Normally the camp fills up fast but took until late spring to fill up this year.
- Ms. White asked about fall sign ups, when they need to sign up?
 - Ms. Sandoval replied that the plan would be to provide information mid July to the community for the fall registration

Ms. Ross Denny

- Commented that she thought that the Universal Camp may have taken campers away from Camp Cunningham, perhaps next summer the numbers will grow again
- People are going back into the office
- 13% increase can be a lot for family
- Agree there needs to be an increase but 13% can be high
- Maybe 6% increase over three years

Ms. Sandoval

- Having staffing issues as well
- Staff will not work for \$15 an hour
 - Superintendent Jette stated that nursing staff needs to be paid a higher rate

Chair Eberhardt

- 13% increase seems high especially coming back from the pandemic may not be what families can do right now
- Community may be upset with the increase

Assistant Superintendent Dexter

- Can budget use of surplus
- What would be comfortable increase
- Budget \$25,000 for scholarships, historically more is used
- There will be overhead cost as well

Dr. Carroll

- Important to support families
- Give families time to be notified and to adjust their budgets
- Provide gradual increase over time

Assistant Superintendent Dexter

- Recommended a 6% increase

Ms. Ross Denny

- Agreed with the 6%
- Recommended Community Schools sends out information to community soon regarding the increase and the plan for the increases over time

Superintendent Jette

- Wanted to be on record that somebody tried to attend the meeting but showed up on the screen as denied

Assistant Superintendent Dexter

- Proposal the 6% tuition increase

Ms. White suggested bringing this proposal to the Finance Committee.

Chair Eberhardt made a motion to approve 6% increase for the Milton Community Schools.

Second: Dr. Carroll

Roll Call Vote: 4-0-0

Absent during the vote: Vice Chair; Ada Rosmarin, Dr. Elaine Craghead,

4. Recognition of Juneteenth Holiday (FY21)

- Could not recognize this school year because of the time frame it was announced
- Acknowledgement was on Friday, Jun 25, 2021, calendar FY22 will be on the school year calendar

Chair Eberhardt made a motion to recognize the Juneteenth Holiday on Jun 25, 2021.

Second: Ms. White

Roll Call Vote: 4-0-0

Absent during the vote: Vice Chair; Ada Rosmarin, Dr. Elaine Craghead,

Chair Eberhardt made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session not to return to open session to discuss:

- To conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with union and nonunion personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with union and nonunion personnel in accordance with Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(2)

Second: Ms. White

Roll Call Vote: 4-0-0

Absent during the vote: Vice Chair; Ada Rosmarin, Dr. Elaine Craghead,

Meeting adjourned at 8:50pm.