

Milton School Committee Meeting Minutes
Meeting via Zoom
November 3, 2021

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

Staff Present: James Jette, Superintendent of Schools; Janet Sheehan, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Human Resources; Amy Dexter, Assistant Superintendent for Business

1. Call to Order - 7:04pm

2. Approval of the Agenda

Chair Eberhardt made a motion to approve the Milton School Committee agenda.

Second: Ms. White

Roll Call Vote : 6-0-0

3. Superintendent's Report - Superintendent Jette

Meeting School Committee Student Representatives joined the meeting.

- Class of 2024 - Cora Redmond
- Class of 2023 - Emily King
- Class of 2022 - Anderson Korman

Superintendent Jette

- Was able to join the Special Education Session on the Professional Development Day - Outstanding work throughout the district

- Cunningham Site Council Presentation - Dr. Jonathan Redden – see link on MPS Website

Ms. White

- Thanked the Cunningham Site Council for their presentation
- Have overcrowding challenges
- Still see the encouragement and excitement comes through strongly
- Looks like a great place to work
- Really enjoyed the slide show

- Special shout out to Tatum and Alyssa for having the courage to speak up at a public meeting
- Hope everyone has a great school year

Dr. Carroll

- Thanked the Cunningham Site Council for their presentation
- Setting a high bar for giving a lot of information
- Looking forward to future presentations
- Shared data, we have work to do to help out students due to the pandemic and the disruption in learning it caused
- Shared specific detailed information
- Gives a lot of hope and optimism
- Can the see the joy and culture from the Cunningham School

Chair Eberhardt

- Thanked Site Council for their presentation
- Loved the students comments of what makes Cunningham so wonderful
- Appreciated all the information shared

a. Guests of the Superintendent

- i. MHS Musical – Chicago - Starts November 4, 2021 at Milton High School
 - students have been working hard
 - great level of talent of students
 - mask will be worn indoors

b. District Updates

- Two weeks ago encouraged parents to speak to their children's pediatrician about the vaccine
- Manet Community Health Center does not have enough staff to organize a clinic at this time at the schools but will be offering November 12th at 1pm-4pm and November 13th at 9am-12am - 180 Old Colony Ave, Quincy
- Hoping to schedule a clinic at the Field House down the road
- If vaccinated, please send cards into the schools or to consent to the test and stay
- Vaccination for Faculty and Staff, they have until Monday, Nov 8, 2021

Chair Eberhardt

- Excited to see the musical

- Former Chair Varela has reached out to attend the show and to wish good luck

4. **Citizen Speak (Policy BEDH-15 Minutes)**

None

5. **Chair's Report** - Chair Eberhardt

- a. Update on Community Forums
 - Thursday (2 meetings)
 - Thanked those in the community who were able to join

Ms. Ross Denny

- Thanked the members of the School Committee who organized the forums
- Important to provide the community the opportunity to engage in a way that allowed their questions to be answered
- Created an opportunity to dispel many myths about the programs and equity
- Community offered suggestions on how we look at student data and how we communicate
- Thanked the community for sharing their thoughts and opinions
- Provided a better understanding
- Look forward to future events

Chair Eberhardt

- Enjoyed the forums as well
- Exchange with the members of the community, sharing thoughts and having conversations
- Questions asked were helpful
- Thanked Dr. Carroll for making this happen

Dr. Carroll

- Thanked Stephanie O'Keefe and Tom Pilla (Milton Access TV) for all of their work behind the scene

Ms. Rosmarin

- Enjoyed the opportunity to have the back and forth on topics
- Fascinating opportunity to talk to people who have been involved for years in town
- Would love to see the recording for the evening forum, was only able to attend the morning session

Dr. Carroll

- Forums were recorded

- Milton Access will provide the link soon
- b. Town Meeting Update
 - Two positions for the district
 - 504 Coordinator
 - Speech and Language Pathologist
 - Presentation from two community members (Brian Furze and Lee Michael McLean) - gave a generous donation/scholarship to the Milton Public Schools
 - Two Clubs (Pierce Middle School and Milton High School GSA Clubs)
 - \$2,500 each
 - Will provide future support for our students
 - All the work they have done as active members of the community is very much appreciated
 - Look forward to hearing from the clubs

Dr. Craghead

- Brian Furze and Lee Michael McLean turned a horrible situation that was ongoing for a long time for their family into something positive for the schools
 - Thanked Brian Furze and Lee Michael McLean for their generous donations and for sharing information
- Also wanted to thank the anonymous community member who choose to take a deep dive to see who was doing this because he wanted to get to the bottom of the situation

Superintendent Jette

- Anonymous person made a negative situation into a positive outcome

Ms. White

- Thanked Brian Furze and Lee Michael McLean
- Positive outcome
- Worked on the Warrant Committee
 - responsible for the help with the full day kindergarten

6. Finance Subcommittee Report - Dr. Craghead

- a. FY23 Budget
 - Met with every school and principals have delivered their needs
 - Met with SPED and Athletics (staff and long term needs including transportation)
 - Thanked Ryan Madden and Susan Maselli for coming up with such detailed presentations
 - Will be meeting with Martha Sandoval, Community Schools Director and Somaly Prak-Martins, Senior Director Equity Education

- Will be going back to the Superintendent to discuss and prioritize the needs of the district
- Select Board Meeting - Assistant Superintendent Dexter
 - 2.3 million in request
 - Broke down into 4 projects
 - Social and Emotional Learning, School Nursing Support, Enhance Expanded Education Support, School Buildings
 - Mitigate the impact of the pandemic on our students

Ms. White

- Stayed on the meeting longer for the Parks Department request
 - They are asking for software request
 - Michael Dennehy thought it was best to cover whole three years at once
 - Not sure how that applies to us
- b. Approval of Vendor Warrants

Dr. Craghead made a motion to approve Vendor Warrant #18 payable on October 28, 2021 in the amount of \$225,850.82.

Dr. Craghead made a motion to approve Vendor Warrant #19 payable on November 4, 2021 in the amount of \$313,731.75.

Second: Ms. Ross Denny
Roll Call Vote: 5-0-1

7. **Policy Subcommittee Report** - Dr. Carroll

- a. Expedited Approval Process:
 - i. Policy ILD, Student Submission to Educational Surveys and Research

ILD STUDENT SUBMISSION TO EDUCATIONAL SURVEYS AND RESEARCH

In this policy, "surveys, analyses, or evaluations" refer to methods of gathering data for research purposes.

Without the prior written consent of the student's parent/guardian, or of the student if he/she is at least 18 years of age, no student shall be required ~~as part of any program wholly or partially funded by the U.S. Department of Education~~ to submit to any survey, analyses, or evaluation that reveals information concerning:

1. Political affiliations or beliefs of the student or student's parent;

2. Mental or psychological problems of the student or student's family;
3. Sex behavior or attitudes;
4. Illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating, or demeaning behavior;
5. Critical appraisals of others with whom respondents have close family relationships;
6. Legally recognized privileged relationships, such as with lawyers, doctors, or ministers;
7. Religious practices, affiliations, or beliefs of the student or parents; or
8. Income, other than as required by law to determine eligibility for school programs or for receiving financial assistance under such program.

Parents shall have the opportunity to opt their child out of participation in any survey, analysis, or evaluation. Students who are 18 years of age or older may opt out of such surveys, analyses, or evaluations.

All instructional materials, including teachers' manuals, films, tapes, or other supplementary material which will be used in connection with any such survey, analysis, or evaluation shall be available upon request for inspection by the student's parent/guardian. For the purpose of this policy, "instructional material" does not include academic tests or assessments.

A parent may inspect, upon request, a survey created by a third party before the survey is administered or distributed to a student.

The Superintendent or designee will be responsible for implementing any procedures necessary to protect the privacy of participating students and to provide parents with access to surveys within a reasonable time before administration or distribution.

The School District will notify parents of this policy at least annually at the beginning of the school year and within a reasonable time of any substantive change in policy. Where practical, the District will also directly notify parents annually at the beginning of the school year when surveys, analyses, or evaluations are scheduled or anticipated. ~~Parents shall have the opportunity to opt their child out of participation in any survey, analysis, or evaluation. Students who are 18 years of age or older may opt out of such surveys, analyses, or evaluations.~~

Parents or eligible students who believe their rights have been violated may file a complaint with the Family Policy Compliance Office of the U.S. Department of Education.

LEGAL REF.: Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment, 20 U.S.C. §

1232h CROSS REF.: JRA, Student Records

SOURCE: MASC February 2018

First Reading: February 6, 2019

Second Reading and Approval: February 27, 2019

Dr. Carroll

- Policy to discuss and vote on this evening (ILD) student submission to survey and research - discussed on October 18th
- Proposed revisions
- Expedited vote and discussion
- Redline versions were sent out, not a lot of changes
- Policy has been in place since 2019

Dr. Carroll made a motion to adopt the changes to the Policy ILD, Student Submission to Educational Surveys and Research.

Second: Dr. Craghead

Roll Call Vote: 6-0-0

Ms. Rosmarin

- Think the changes proposed makes the policy more understanding and accessible
- Most people don't know who funds the surveys

b. Update on Policy EBCFA, Face Coverings Policy -

Dr. Carroll

- Discussed the guidance received on Oct 26, 2021 from Commissioner that DESE has extended the indoor mask requirement through January 15, 2022
- Will revisit our Face Covering Policy once again after or around January 15, 2021
- Per DESE Policy on the Vaccination Rate Threshold as of now when a school community reaches 80% vaccinated threshold that you have the opportunity to consider any changes in the face covering policy
- Superintendent will share updates going forward regarding vaccinations

Superintendent Jette

- Reminded the parents/guardians to send in their students vaccination cards so we have the most updated information

8. Health and Wellness Advisory Committee Report - Ms. White

Ms. White

- Need an additional member to join the Health and Wellness Committee

- It is a monthly meeting
- Reviewed the goals, will need to be revised this year
 - increase breakfast participation
- Holly Concannon
 - busses arrive early
 - breakfast remains free to students
 - participation is up at Collicot
- Jackie Morgan
 - Spoke about Jennie Beliveau who organized the Homecoming Dance
 - Nice to see the kids back
 - Introduced new staff person
 - will be starting up a garden at the High School
 - will be doing the healthy bowls for students
- Milton Coalition
 - concerned about the vaping
 - meeting with the School Adjustment Counselors and Resource Officers
- Jackie Morgan received a grant for a Wellness Coach

Superintendent Jette

- Also wanted to comment that the Homecoming Dance was a success
- Thanked all the faculty, staff and families to helped out during the event
- Students were thankful and appreciative
- Jennie Beliveau organized, and there were no incidents

9. Approval of Minutes

Chair Eberhardt made a motion to approve the School Committee minutes dated October 6, 2021.

Second: Ms. White

Roll Call Vote: 6-0-0

Chair Eberhardt made a motion to approve the School Committee minutes dated October 20, 2021.

Second: Ms. White

Roll Call Vote: 6-0-0

10. Old Business

None

11. Next Meeting Agenda Items

Updated

Chair Eberhardt made a motion to adjourn the School Committee meeting.

Second: Dr. Craghead

Roll Call Vote: 6-0-0

Meeting adjourned at 8:50pm.