

Milton School Committee Meeting Minutes
June 1, 2022
Via Zoom

Committee Present: Chair, Ada Rosmarin, Vice Chair, Dr. Elizabeth Carroll, Beverly Ross Denny, Dr. Celina Miranda, Annamma Varghese, 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 -7:06pm

2. Approve June 1, 2022 Agenda

Approved

3. Superintendent's Report

a. District Updates

- 271 senior graduating on June 5, 2022
- 92% are going off to college
 - 88% 4 year college
 - 4% 2 year college
 - 3% taking a gap year
 - 3% going into a trade
 - 2% going directly into the workforce
- Senior Awards Night
 - 147 students received a scholarship
 - Generous donors give year after year - 170,000 in scholarship money
- Gearing up to do another round of Intellispark student screener
 - Socially and emotionally well being
 - Provides support after receiving the data
 - Grades 2 - 12
- Tucker Interviews for Principal
 - Offered second interviews to 2 people
 - Final interviews tomorrow evening
 - Then the front runner will be interviewed publicly
 - No internal candidates, it is only a one year position
 - Confident with the thorough screening committee
- Covid numbers are continue to decrease

- Share publicly that the MEA and Administration hosted a stand out here at the high school this morning for the community to join
 - Call for action, enough is enough with the school shootings
 - Need to be proactive
 - Students deserve to feel safe at school
 - There was press coverage this morning
 - We need to serve as role models
 - Too many lives have been lost
 - Opportunity to do something positive and bring the community together
- Senior car parade will be on Sunday following graduation at 5pm

4. Citizen Speak (Policy BEDH-15 Minutes)

None

5. Chair's Report - Chair Rosmarin

- a. Commonwealth Preschool Partnership Initiative - Present link available on the MPS website
 - i. Susan Dolan, Milton Early Childhood Alliance
 - ii. Dr. Elaine McNeil Girmai, Tucker Elementary School Principal
 - iii. Dr. Linda Warren, Early Childhood Associates

Chair Rosmarin

- Parent focus groups have been amazing
- Encourage people to contact School Committee with questions
- Thank you all for coming and presenting

- b. Stormwater Management Project - Presentation link on the MPS website
 - i. Marina Fernandes, Town Engineer

Member White

- Other systems like this in town

Marina Fernandes replied

- Yes, one behind the police station (2019)

Dr. Carroll

- Great input and conversations with the neighbors
- Fair to say that the neighbors are in favor

Marina Fernandes replied

- created a website with all available information and have shared with everyone
- have not received any word of anyone not in favor
- Google form available for input for the community
 - have had 2 questions but we were able to answer
- Nothing indicated that it was a non support

Dr. Carroll

- Already existing infrastructure in that area, also used conservation land?
- Nothing else will be used for this land?
- Not buildable land?

Marina Fernandes replied

- Would have to check with the conservation committee on whether the land is buildable

Brittany replied:

- Could be a possibility of building from a conservation standpoint
- 100ft of a wetland

Chair Rosmarin

- Conservation Commission has jurisdiction over conservation land and wetland

Member Ross Denny

- Thank you for the presentation
- Will any work be disruption to the students at the Collicot and Cunningham

Marina Fernandes replied

- Non invasive project
- Contractor visited the site
- Would be brought into the site in pieces
- Work would be done in the summer so no school hours will be affected, including summer

Chair Rosmarin made a motion regarding the Stormwater Management Project.

Second: Member Ross Denny

Roll Call Vote: 6-0-0

c. Milton School Committee Forums

- Talked about earlier in the year
- Giving the community more of an opportunity to speak to the School Committee

- Is there a possibility to organize another forum night
- Understand it is a busy time of the year for families

Dr. Carroll

- Interested in holding another forum
- Perhaps a status updated on unfinished learning
 - where is the data
 - recovery from the challenges
- Investments we have been making as s district
- Both aspects seem important to the community
- Remain totally committed to the community to provide the forums
- Looking forward to doing more for the community

Member White

- Also in support of the forum
- It could be difficult due to town meeting to find a date
- People/community are winding down with summer
- Maybe better to organize early September

Member Ross Denny

- We understand that this is the end of the school year
- Probably not suitable to have a forum in June
- Have received and share the data assessment
- Appropriate to have in the fall
- Best to organize all the forums before we hit the month of April
- We are in a good place for this school year and can hit the ground running in the fall
- Good to have a plan in place on the topics for the forum

Member Varghese

- Great idea to have these forums and to have the community involved
- Keep the community informed on our progress
- Agree on the terms on timing and getting people to show up, the fall would be a better time to have a forum

Superintendent Jette

- Perhaps have the forums on the same nights of the school committee when there is a shorter agenda

Dr. Miranda

- Forums are important, less formal and back and forth dialog with the community

- Use to share critical information
- Agree with Superintendent Jette to have the forums on the same night as the school committee meetings

Dr. Carroll

- Appreciate all of your comments and input
- Would like to ask to discuss at the retreat and designate the dates of the forums
- Ok with wrapping up and not having anymore forums this school year

Chair Rosmarin

- Agree to discuss at the retreat and plan the dates for the year
- And like the idea as well to have the forum the night of a school committee meeting
- Look forward to having a full calendar of forums next year

6. School Building Committee Report - Presentation Link available on the MPS website

- [Sean O'Rourke](#)- shared presentation/slides

Dr. Carroll

- Deeply respect and appreciate you and hope the community does as well for all of the work you have been doing
- You listen, think creatively and thank you for all of your leadership
- Question about the delay, we are still waiting for funding
- If we were to be approved for the funding, will this be another delay

[Sean O'Rourke](#)

- If approved from the MSBA funding, it will almost be like resetting the clock
- Will have to look at an alternative analysis
- The delay right now is the acquiring of the land

Dr. Miranda

- Thank you for all of your work and your responsiveness
- Could you expand on the delay

[Sean O'Rourke](#)

- Wanted it on the agenda at the May town meeting
- Next step would be the state legislature
- Construction of the lower Gile field right now is separate from this project

Chair Rosmarin

- Thanked [Sean O'Rourke](#) for coming to the meeting and for his presentation
- All the input has really helped us to where we are right now

- Had a large meeting with the Home Inc. residents, spent about 2.5 hours answering questions
- Plan may take longer but it is the better plan

7. Finance Subcommittee Report - Member White

a. Approval of Vendor Warrants

Member White made a motion to approve Vendor Warrant #48 dated 5/18/2022 in the amount of \$190,749.98.

Second: Member Ross Denny

Roll Call Vote: 6-0-0

Member White made a motion to approve Vendor Warrant #49 dated 5/26/2022 in the amount of \$394,818.66.

Second: Dr. Miranda

Roll Call Vote: 6-0-0

8. Policy Subcommittee Report - Dr. Carroll

- Second Reading, Policy AC, Nondiscrimination
- Second Reading, Policy AC-R Non-Discrimination Policy Including Harassment and Retaliation
- Second Reading, Policy ACAB, Sexual Harassment
- Second Reading, Policy JICK, Harassment of Students

Dr. Carroll

- Few minor edits discussed

Dr. Carroll made a motion to approve the second reading for Policy AC, Nondiscrimination

Second: Member White

Roll Call Vote: 6-0-0

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Second: Dr. Miranda

Roll Call Vote: 6-0-0

Dr. Carroll and Member White read the below Policies

- First Reading, Policy EFD, Meal Charge Policy
 - Few grammatical edits were made
- First Reading, Policy IHAMD, Wellness Policy

9. Approval of Minutes - Chair Rosmarin

Chair Rosmarin made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 6th Milton School Committee Meeting.

Second: Member Ross Denny

Roll Call Vote: 4-0-2

Dr. Miranda and Member Varghese were not School Committee Members during the April 6th meeting.

Chair Rosmarin made a motion to approve minutes of the April 27th Reorganizational Meeting of the Milton School Committee

Second: Dr. Miranda

Roll Call Vote: 6-0-0

Chair Rosmarin made a motion to approve of the April 27th regular meeting of the Milton School Committee

Second: Member Varghese

Roll Call Vote: 6-0-0

Chair Rosmarin made a motion to approve of the May 11, 2022 Milton School Committee Open Public Budget Hearing on the FY23 Budget.

Second: Member White

Roll Call Vote: 6-0-0

Chair Rosmarin made a motion to approve of the May 11, 2022 regular meeting of the Milton School Committee Meeting.

Second: Dr. Miranda

Roll Call Vote: 6-0-0

10. Next Meeting Agenda Items

- None at this time
- Committee can email agenda items

Chair Rosmarin made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining with the MEA, Unit A and AFSCME Council 93 since an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares (M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(3)).

Second: Member White

Roll Call Vote: 6-0-0

Meeting adjourned at 9:40pm