

Milton School Committee Meeting Minutes
June 15, 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 - 7:02pm

2. Approve June 15, 2022 Agenda

Approved

3. Superintendent's Report - Superintendent Jette

a. District Updates

- Acknowledgement of 6 individuals who are retiring after many years of service
 - Tracy Attaya - ABA Therapist in the Integrated Pre-School since 2001 retiring end of the school year
 - Michael Cleary - Social Studies teacher, devoted 28 years to the Milton Public Schools
 - Judith Bygate- School Psychologist 2018
 - Joseph Dolan - Teacher since 1995 with Tucker Elementary School and Pierce Middle School - Joe also coaches the High School Rugby Team
 - April Allegrezza - Music Teacher (Collicot/Cunningham) has worked for the Milton Public Schools since 1986
 - Susan Hennessy - Teacher with the Milton Public Schools since 1985
- Covid Update
 - Numbers are down
 - Reported to state 4 staff and 7 students tested positive for Covid
 - Will continue with the at home testing kits throughout the summer and early fall until the test run out
- Summer Programs
 - Service more than a thousand student this summer at the camps

Chair Rosmarin

- Which buildings will be involved in the summer programs

Superintendent Jette replied

- High School, Middle School, Collicot, Cunningham, (small number may be at Glover and Tucker)

Superintendent Jette

- Thanked all the parents and guardians at Pierce Middle School for their support during the lockdown at Pierce Middle School last Friday
- Scheduled a call for all parents on Sunday night
- Three live 9mm bullets found in three different bathrooms, no gun found on site
- The fear, anxiety and disruption is very real and unfortunate
- The bigger issue is where a middle school student can access live 9mm bullets and bring them into the school
- Remind parents by law to lock up weapons and ammunition if you have a license to carry arms
- Understand the communication is important and to reach out to their children to see if they are safe
- Please don't rely on social media for information
- Please don't come to the school and ask for your cooperation and allow the first responders to do their job
- Will continue to support students and staff
- We want students to be seen, heard and feel valued

Member Ross Denny

- Has a child at the Middle School and appreciates how well the situation was handled
- Want to thank the administration and police and everyone who showed up to create a safe environment for our kids
- Surprised the emotions we saw, expected kids to be crying but what was more upsetting is the indifference, this is their new normal and what they expect
- Recognize anything can happen, we have gone too far in our society if our kids are now comfortable with a lockdown
- We are asking too much of our educators and now we are asking too much of our students, we need to do better

Superintendent Jette

- Reconvening our security meetings
- Work with former Sergeant Jack Richmond - specialist Norfolk County Swat Team
- Milton Police Department partnership
- A lot of parents want to know the details of the security plan but we do not share our plan since we do not want to compromise our security measures in place
- Goal is to be prepared and use your best judgment

Dr. Miranda

- Asking parents to stay away is a safety measure but tough for parents emotionally
- What would the protocol be to acknowledge parents and their concerns? It is a parent's first response to run to the school
- How can we have a plan in place to acknowledge the reality of parents wanting to be there for their child?
- See something, say something - helping young people understand

Superintendent Jette

- More than 300 concerned parents on Central Ave. on the day of the lock down
- Did walk over and give the parents updates
- Parents respected the boundaries and appreciative during the lockdown
- Always remind your kids you are responsible for what you have in your bag

Milton High School baseball team will be playing in Worcester on Saturday at 6pm for the state championship. If the team wins, this will be the first championship time since 1974 for Milton.

Chair Rosmarin

- Good luck to the Baseball Team!

4. Citizen Speak (Policy BEDH-15 Minutes)

None

5. Chair's Report - Chair Rosmarin

a. Milton School Committee Draft Calendar for 2022-2023

- Calendar was sent via email
- Proposed dates for meetings for the year ahead
- Retreat date has changed to Aug 3, 2022
- Review the calendar, please share any conflicts or questions
- Calendar to be approved at a future meeting

b. Milton School Committee Subcommittees

- Shared the committees and sub committee document and preferences of who would like to be on each committee and sub committees
- Descriptions and explanation of each committee and subcommittee shared
- Will email out the updated list to the entire School Committee
- Could schedule another meeting at the end of the month to vote - Decision made to review and approve at our retreat on August 3rd.

c. Superintendent's Summative Evaluation – Tentative Date June 29, 2022

- August 3rd at 4pm for the School Committee Retreat
- Invited Dorothy Presser from MASC to help facilitate the meeting also on the Lynnfield School Committee since 1998
 - Will be available to advise the School Committee on the Superintendent Evaluation process
- Summative Evaluation - responsibility of School Committee
 - Propose tentative date of June 29th to take care of the results of the Superintendent Summative Evaluation
 - Dr. Miranda and Member Varghese will be traveling and will not be able to attend on the June 29th
 - Member Ross Denny suggested having a written document for Dr. Miranda and Member Varghese give feedback
 - Confirmed, will meet on June 29, 2022
 - Forms will be emailed out, including Superintendent Jette's goals and mid year update
 - Superintendent Jette is working on the end of the year report

6. Finance Subcommittee Report- Member White

a. FY23 Budget

- Passed at Town Meeting last night
- Team of Superintendent Jette, Assistant Superintendent Dexter and Chair Rosmarin - did a magnificent job providing the details of the budget and the issues we are facing as a district

Chair Rosmarin

- Thanked the Town Meeting members for supporting the schools

b. Approval of Vendor Warrants

Member White made a motion to approve Vendor Warrant #50 dated June 2, 2022 in the amount of \$181,199.78.

Second: Member Ross Denny

Roll Call Vote: 6-0-0

Member White made a motion to approve Vendor Warrant #51 dated June 10, 2022 in the amount of \$257,533.44

Second: Member Ross Denny

Roll Call Vote: 6-0-0

7. Policy Subcommittee Report - Dr. Carroll

a. Second Reading, Policy EFD, Meal Charge Policy

Dr. Carroll made a motion to approve Policy EFD, Meal Charge Policy.

Second: Member Ross Denny

Roll Call Vote: 6-0-0

b. Second Reading, Policy IHAMD, Wellness Policy

Dr. Carroll made a motion to approve Policy IHAMD, Wellness Policy.

Second: Dr. Miranda

Roll Call Vote: 6-0-0

Dr. Carroll

- Will be postponing further discussion and consideration of updates on Policy JIC - Student Conduct Policy
- Under consideration this spring, last report indicated it would be ready for the first reading
- Deserves a full conversation
- Look forward to keeping that conversation going when we return at the end of the summer

8. Next Meeting Agenda Items

Updated

9. Executive Session

Chair Rosmarin made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session not to return to Open Session to discuss the 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 8:32pm.